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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 9th November 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Monday 13th

Grade 3/4 Regional Hooptime

Friday 17th

Grade 3/4 Soccer Competition

Friday 17th

Grade 2 Sugarloaf Reservoir Park Excursion

Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th

Prep/1/2 Swimming

Tuesday 28th – Friday 1st

Prep/1/2 Swimming

DECEMBER

Wednesday 13th

Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 22nd

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 1:00PM Dismissal

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Principal's Note

Term 4 Assessments

Classes across the school have been undertaking assessments in literacy and numeracy to provide staff with up to date information prior to documenting the end of year reports which will be distributed on Monday 18th December. A whole school assessment schedule was revised last year and staff regularly review student achievement data in teams which guides future planning of their curriculum. When analysing the data it's remarkable to see the progress individual students have made in a twelve month period.

Prep Orientation

Our Prep Orientation program was finalised yesterday after the Teddy Bear Picnic. It was fantastic to see the combined enthusiasm of our senior students and our 2018 Prep students when they met their buddies. The buddy program is certainly a valuable asset in the transition of students to primary school especially in the first few weeks. The special visit from our guest teddy bear was also a highlight of the session. Special thanks to the Prep staff team for their efforts in organisation the transition program. The assistance of additional teaching and educational support staff during the Teddy Bear's Picnic was greatly appreciated.

Remembrance Day Assembly

An additional assembly will be conducted tomorrow at 10.30am to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Some of our senior student leaders will play an active role during the special assembly.

Department of Education and Training Values

Parents/carers may have seen on display in the corridor of the main building, staff room and meeting room the new values of the Department of Education and Training. DET's new values are: Responsiveness, Integrity, Impartiality, Accountability, Respect, Leadership and Human Rights. I am confident you will see these values reflected throughout all your encounters with staff at Preston West Primary School.

School Council

Just a reminder to members of our school council that the November meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7pm.

Solving Conflicts

From time to time whilst at school (generally in the yard) situations of conflict arise between students. It is imperative in these situations that a staff member is notified of the issue and are the ones to deal with and solve the conflict. It can become challenging when parents approach children /adults in the yard to discuss situations that have occurred at school and I discourage this from occurring. One of the great assets at Preston West is our safe and orderly learning environment and developing confident, happy and engaged students. Staff and administration are more than happy to discuss any concerns parents may have. At Preston West Primary, the Bounce Back is utilised as a preventative whole school social and emotional learning curriculum program that promotes positive mental health and wellbeing in students and, in particular, to enable them to act resiliently when faced with challenges and adversity.

Student Safety/Respecting our Neighbours - Before and After School

A priority at Preston West Primary is student safety. I acknowledge that the streets around our school and Preston can become very congested around drop off and pick up times. However, can I please remind parents of the following:

- Please ensure children correctly utilise the school crossings and do not cross between cars.
- Please ensure you do not block our neighbours drive ways and take note of the parking signs – Kiss and Go zone, disable parking bay, bus zone etc.
- Please don't use the crossing or schools front gates to drop your child off.

The traffic police regularly patrol the schooling zones in Preston. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians.

Cheryl Bondeson

eLearning

2018 BYO iPad Program Information

This term there will be three information sessions for parents that are interested in the 2018 BYO iPad Program. This information will be specifically relevant to this year's Grade 2 cohort as they enter Year 3 in 2018, however any interested parents of students in years 4 – 6 are more than welcome to come along.

Term 4 session times:

- Week 6: Tuesday 14th of November at 6:00pm (Evening Session)

The information session aims to help you understanding the following:

- What the BYO iPad Program is.
- How you can enrol your child into the program.
- The prerequisites of the iPad Program.
- How the devices will be used to assist your child in their learning.
- Work and activity examples.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please click on the following link and fill out the form. This will give me an idea of attendance for each session.

<https://goo.gl/forms/k685Q6rIXxbzN1uG3>

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 3/11/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Julius Picot	Charli O'Loughlin
Prep K	Archie Welsby	Adam Al-Abody
Prep L	Michael Omenihu	Harley Utting
Prep W	Max Cocco	Ramari Kotlowski
1B	Emma John	Nathan Nguyen
1C	Francesca Beck	Evan Mesic
1E	Harry Wooster	Massimo Pavone
1M	Kingson Chen	Tina Lin
1W	Annie Nguyen	Lucinda Smart
2A	Claire Aquilina	Ophelia Tan
2B	Ramona Ware	Charikleia Melissaki
2J	Aahana Guha	Divya Jethi
2M	Whole Class	Matthew Zhang
3B	Abigail Costi	Kit Stracey
3D	Felipe Hatzimihailidis	Tai Tuhi
3P	Abdullahi Atosh	Indigo Flynn
3W	Sophia He	Andrew Chen
4F	Zac Speechley	Eman Hasan
4K	Gus Gilbert	Tara Alenezi
4M	Paul Koutsivos	Han Zhen Gao
4W	Elias Halge	Amangel Thapa Magar
5H	Alexia Hatzimihailidis	Stella Goodwin
5O	Stephanie Katsifolis	Eddie Jirovec
6N	Kane Simpson	Murphy Roberts
6T	Willem Van Herk	Maddy Day
ITALIAN	Samindi Fernando 3D	
PE	Arya Sivakumer 5J	



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



WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 10th November are: Mick Paskos, Sasha De Lorenzo, Naomi Ralph, Annie Zanella and Bryony Marshall-Radcliffe.

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

Nude Food at Preston West!

Now that we have your attention...

Over the last two terms, JSC have noticed the amount of litter in our school growing. Even though we have more bins in the yard than ever, rubbish is still constantly found throughout our school grounds.

In order to reduce the amount of litter, JSC would like to make every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for the remainder of Term 4 a Nude Food Days.

What is Nude Food?

Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in plastic or foil packaging.

SO, every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** the JSC members will be tallying up grades to see the amount of litter that has been brought in. There might even be prizes for the grades that bring in the most amount of nude food.

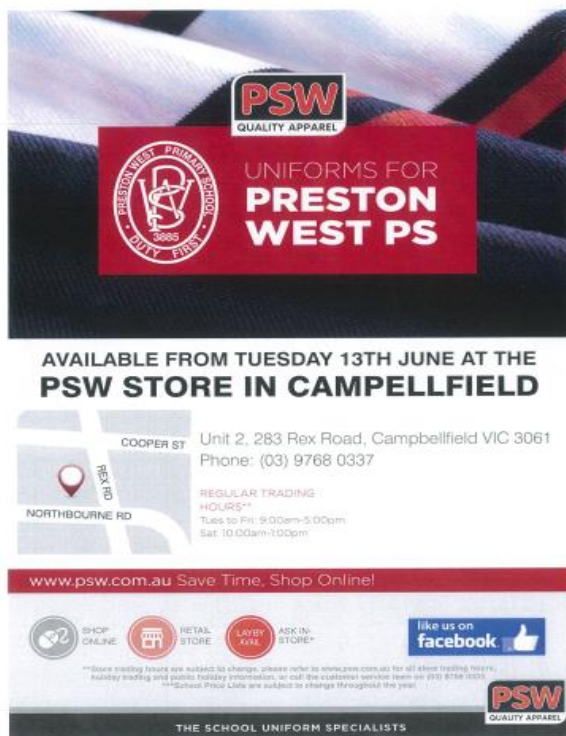
It's only two days a week, we would really like you to help us reduce the amount of rubbish at Preston West or even better... you could do it every day!

Keeping Australia beautiful starts with keeping our school beautiful!

Thanks,

Junior School Council

COMMUNITY NEWS



PSW QUALITY APPAREL

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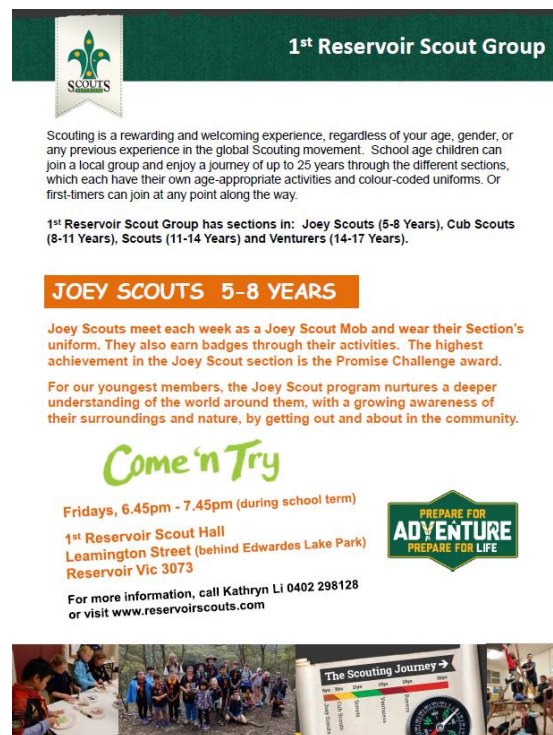
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THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS



1st Reservoir Scout Group

Scouting is a rewarding and welcoming experience, regardless of your age, gender, or any previous experience in the global Scouting movement. School age children can join a local group and enjoy a journey of up to 25 years through the different sections, which each have their own age-appropriate activities and colour-coded uniforms. Or first-timers can join at any point along the way.

1st Reservoir Scout Group has sections in: Joey Scouts (5-8 Years), Cub Scouts (8-11 Years), Scouts (11-14 Years) and Venturers (14-17 Years).

JOEY SCOUTS 5-8 YEARS

Joey Scouts meet each week as a Joey Scout Mob and wear their Section's uniform. They also earn badges through their activities. The highest achievement in the Joey Scout section is the Promise Challenge award.

For our youngest members, the Joey Scout program nurtures a deeper understanding of the world around them, with a growing awareness of their surroundings and nature, by getting out and about in the community.

Come'n Try

Fridays, 6.45pm - 7.45pm (during school term)

1st Reservoir Scout Hall
Leamington Street (behind Edwardes Lake Park)
Reservoir Vic 3073

For more information, call Kathryn Li 0402 298128
or visit www.reservoirscouts.com

