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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 1st June, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Tuesday 6th

Grade 2 – ZOO Excursion

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th

Grade 4 Lake Dewar Camp

Monday 12th

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th

Division Cross Country

Wednesday 28th

Three Way Conferences – No students at school on this day

FRIDAY 30th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)

Term Dates

Term 2 Tuesday 18th April – Friday 30th June

Term 3 Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Principal's Note

This week the Grade One students visited Como House. Como House was constructed in 1847 and is surrounded by magnificent gardens. This excursion was part of a unit of History – 'The Present and the Past.' The children were involved in learning about family life in the past, they were able to partake in olden day games and make comparisons to clothing then and now as well as many other areas. When I asked some children about what was the best part of the day they replied " Being on a bus was so exciting. The old house was good too." I should have known better!

As part of our move towards developing our STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths) the school has recently purchased a 3D printer. Students are able to design their model on their iPads and then watch it come to fruition. I am amazed at the speed the students pick up a new app and learn the complexities of the program to produce a 3D CAD drawing. I struggle to record something on the Foxtel box.



Currently Holly King runs a coding club on Fridays at lunchtime for the junior school children. A group of senior girls assist the students in learning to code by instructing "Beebots" to move around a course or objects and complete other tasks. We have also purchased a group of more sophisticated robots called 'Spheres'. This club will soon start on a Wednesday lunchtime for the older students to use as part of the Victorian Curriculum to enhance their creative thinking and curiosity.

Today has been Crazy Hair Day with the Junior School Council raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis. The choice of hair designs was very colourful. Well done to our school community for raising \$930.

The last fundraiser was for the Bal Bikash School in Nepal that we support. I recently had an email from the principal thanking our community for the funds. With the money donated from Preston West the school is now able to provide the students with a nutritious meal at lunchtime, which for some students is their main meal of the day. I have included some photos later in the newsletter from the school thanking us for supporting them.

Today the Grade Three students also had a farm incursion with Farmer Leigh setting up his selection of animals on the back oval. This was part of the students unit of work on Biological Sciences. I also had a visit from Sunny O'Mahony and Xavier Madigrano from Grade 5H. They have written a ballad about bushrangers. The entire ballad is included later on in the newsletter. Well done boys on your piece of writing.

Last Friday I received a phone call from Coles apologising for the inconvenience caused to the Parents Club sausage sizzle at Bunnings last weekend. They have donated \$1000 to the Parents Club to support the Fresh Fruit Friday Program and will donate all the fruit for this Friday's program.

At the end of this term parents will receive their mid- year report. This year we are trialling a new report format that is more informative to parents and moves away from being a descriptive report to a report more individualised on your child's achievement and their current needs and areas for growth. In the coming weeks we will be showing you a sample of the format in the newsletter. You will be able to access the report from Compass on Monday June 26th and then discuss it at the three- way conference on Wednesday June 28th.

This week we have started preliminary planning with the winning tender company to construct the new gallery areas between the grade four and grade five portables. This will enable the linking up of the four classrooms in each area to make a grade four building and a grade five building. This will give the students an enclosed teaching space that will lead to more collaboration between the grades and better learning opportunities. The image below is an idea of what the buildings will look like. We still have to negotiate a few modifications to this structure. We will keep you informed of the timeline for the construction process. The students will be relocated while the gallery areas are constructed. This will be another great addition to the teaching facilities at Preston West and enable optimum learning opportunities for the students.



I would like to thank Mrs Sue Moossajee for her role as Acting Assistant Principal this week in supporting the running of Preston West. Next week Cheryl returns from a well deserved break. I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their kind words of support during my short time at the helm.

I am back on the Hawks bandwagon again with Roughie's great last minute goal against the Swans last weekend. Tonight's game against Port Adelaide could be another story.

Regards
Mark

A BALLAD ABOUT BUSHRANGERS

By Sunny O'Mahony and Xavier Madigrano - Grade 5H

I lived in the bush where the kookaburras fly where the gum trees reach to the clear blue sky there was a cave on the hillside where I used to hide I'm a big bad bush bush ranger.

Deep in the cave there was a big black hole that's filled to the top with blocks of gold and diamond rings and things I stole I'm a big bad bush bush ranger.

Late at night when the sun goes down and when everyone is asleep in town I count all my money in my dressing gown I'm a big bad bush bush ranger.

I'm a bush I'm a bush I'm a bush bush ranger I'm running from the law and living with danger I'm a big bad bush bush ranger.

When all the people see me ride they lock their doors and stay inside and find a place that's safe inside I'm a big bad bush bush ranger.

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees were due Friday 24th February, 2017.

Reminder letters have been sent out for outstanding fees. If you need to discuss these payments please contact the office.

CSEF PAYMENT: If you applied for the CSEF funding and your application was successful, this money has now been credited to your account for sports, excursions and camps. Please print off any forms and write CSEF on it so we can process this in the office.

If you have not applied for the CSEF payment but hold a current Health Care Card please fill out and return the form by Friday 23rd June. The form is available from the office.

Thank you.

JSC

Hi my name is Ruby. I am a JSC, I represent 3P.

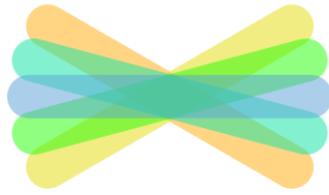
I really like art and reading I also play soccer on the weekend. What I really like about JSC is that you get to express your ideas. If you ever need to find me in the sandpit or the trees near the sandpit.

Thanks,
Ruby 3P

Hello my name is Kyan. I am one of the Grade 3 Junior School Councillors. I like being a JSC because I can raise money and make the school better. Some of my hobbies are maths, reading, skating and table tennis. You can find me around the school if you ever have any ideas for JSC.

Kyan 3W

APP SPOTLIGHT:



Seesaw

This edition of 'App Spotlight' will be focusing on the SeeSaw App which is being used in the Grade 3 – 5 and as of Term 3 will be used in the Grade 6 classes as well.

SeeSaw is a digital portfolio app that allows your child the ability to share, with you, the work they proudly create during school hours. It is a secure platform that is managed by the classroom teacher. Throughout the semester the Grade 3 – 5 classes have used SeeSaw to share their work, like handwriting, maths work, projects, recorded readings and weekly summaries with their parents.

The SeeSaw App is cross platform, meaning that you can gain access on an iPad, iPhone, Android tablet/phone or any device that has access to the internet and a current web browser. (Internet Explorer, FireFox, Chrome or Safari).

With the downloadable 'Parent' app, you are able to sign up for free and gain access to your child's posts with an easy scan of a QR code. From there you can receive live notifications to your device whenever your child shares a new post for you. At this point you can instantly view the post, 'like' it and even post a comment to encourage their amazing efforts.

Gone are the days of the blank faced replies when you ask "What did you do at school today?" If your child is in a Grade 3 – 5 class, and you haven't seen or heard anything about SeeSaw yet, ask them to explain it to you. As mentioned above the Grade 6 students will be learning about SeeSaw towards the end of this term, in time for the beginning to Term 3.

It is important to note that it is **not** a requirement to be part of the BYO iPad program and is accessible to all students with the use of their individual '@prestonwest.vic.edu.au' Google Apps accounts. This is a fantastic program to link what's happening in the classroom with home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via Compass or speak directly to your child's classroom teacher.
Regards,

Luke Begg
eLearning Leading Teacher

eConnect Resources for Parents

In last week's newsletter I let parents know that I would pass on the T.H.I.N.K poster and "Top 10 Tips" once I received them from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Please see the following pages for these documents. You can also access these resources within the "eLearning Information" folder found on the Compass "School Documentation" page.

T.H.I.N.K

Before You...

THINK

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

Top Ten Tips

1	Create an 'Acceptable Use Agreement' for your families using the 3Cs to facilitate conversation – contact, content, conduct . Ensure that children are involved with this process.
2	Set up safe search & security controls with a platform (such as OpenDNS, NetNanny, K9) or speak with your internet service provider (such as Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, Dodo, etc).
3	Agree on where computers, laptops & mobile devices can be used in the home (such as in bedrooms, lounge rooms, etc).
4	Lights out = wifi off.
5	Agree on screen time use; decide on 'screen free' times during the day and night.
6	Get involved – show an interest in what your child is doing online.
7	Talk to your child's teacher/s and school.
8	If your child reports an issue to you, don't threaten to take away their device – this may force them to become secretive.
9	Learn how various social network/game services work. Use websites such as the 'Games, Apps & Social Networking' from the eSafety Office.
10	Tell children not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. Do not delete any of the messages – take screen shots as evidence & keep records to verify and prove there is cyberbullying.

HOW TO REPORT CYBERBULLYING MATERIAL



1

Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service



2

Collect evidence - copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48 hours



3

Report it to
esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying



4

Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)

If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on 1800 65 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Premier Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for students in Prep to Grade 6. **Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 need to read or have read to them, 30 books (20 of which are in the challenge book list). Students in Grades 3 to 6 need to read 15 books, (10 must be from the challenge book list).**

The challenge finishes on the 8th September. All registered students will need to have **finished** reading their required number of books and the completed list sent back to school no later than Monday the 28th August.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge booklist is available for download and printing from the PRC website. The website is:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Only one of the forms needs to be completed. The two forms that have been added to Compass under School Documentation.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge – Online Honour Roll Consent:** This form needs to be completed **ONLY** if you would like your child's name to appear on the Online Honour Roll when the PRC has been completed.
- **Premier's Reading Challenge – School participation:** Please complete this form if you would like your child to take part in the reading challenge but **NOT** have their name published on the Premiers' Reading Challenge Online Honour Roll.

When your child has finished reading the required number of books, please return the completed list to school for the books to be verified.

Happy Reading!

Karen Attrill and Melissa Besford

Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 2nd June are: Irene Petrakis, George Markoski, Sarah Clemons, Miranda Rezzani and Sarah Bellchambers.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 2nd June is Hannah Brooks.

**Thank
You**

SCHOOL BANKING

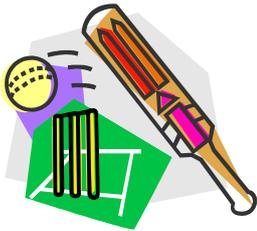
School Banking is on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program, please collect an information pack and application form from your local Commonwealth Bank or apply online.

THE PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB

It is open to parents/carers of children attending the school. Weekly gatherings provide an informal opportunity for parents to have conversations, coordinate fundraising endeavours throughout the year and support the School Council and Junior School Council in community based events and special days on the Preston West school calendar. If you like to be kept in the loop of things, please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com with your email address.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool Sports results from Friday 26th May, 2017



SPORT	PWPS	PRESTON A
Netball Girls	17	2
Netball Mixed	6	1
Football	1	25
Soccer Girls	3	10
Soccer Mixed	0	7

Interschool Sports this week will be played at HOME against St Gabriels on Friday 2nd June – Football (Forfeit St Gabs), Soccer (mixed) & Soccer (girls) at BT Connor and Netball at Preston West.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 25/05/2017

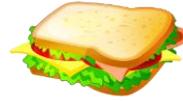
Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with their awards on Monday.

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Nisarga Vinay	Wednesday McKenzie
Prep I	Devesh Mazumdar	Arli Walker
Prep K	Hanah Eley	Lucas Nguyen
Prep W	Kushank Purohit	Saleh Mohammed
1B	Manha Shaik	Khaled Naser
1C	Estelle Chatzis	
1E	Massimo Pavone	Alyssia Bilney
1M	Ruben Harwood	Lucas Bonanno
1W	Ghaith Hussainat	Juzer Udaipur Wala
2A	Bi Doan	Charlie Wagner
2J	Katerini Pagoniou	Alberto Cocco
2M	Caden Beardsley	Alexander Burneski
3B	Claudine Agius	Georgia Katsogiannis
3D	Seren Sucksmith	Ethan Dani
3W	Maggie O’Bree	Sophia He
4F	Isabella Aitkin	Giacomo Bell
4K	Skye Williams	Tara Alenezi
4M	Christian Vlahos	Bylsan Said
4W	Menno Kuut	Bella Clemons
5H	Christian Gasteovski	Victoria Ivanov
5I	Roman Napolitano	Ava Castellarin
5J	Aya Issa	
5O	Hannah Chan	Charan Gogineni
6N	Felix Dwyer	Callum Isdale
6T	Anthony Pantaleo	Josh Riordan
ART	Leo Herceg 3D	
MUSIC	Daphne Boxer PI	
PHYS ED	Selesa Vaelaa 4W	
ITALIAN	Nick Moraitis 6T	



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.co



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Our Sister School Bal Bikash School - Nepal

