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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 9th March, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Monday 13th

Labour Day Public Holiday - No school this day

Wednesday 15th

Grade 5 Reservoir High Visit

Tuesday 21st

School Council / AGM - 7pm

Thursday 23rd

Grade 4 – Botanical Gardens Excursion

Thursday 23rd

Grade 1 – Reptiles Encounters Incursion

Monday 27th

Prep Incursion – Flying Book Worm

Tuesday 28th

School Photos

Wednesday 29th

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Thursday 30th

Multicultural Day

Friday 31st

Last Day Term 1 (2.30 Finish)

Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February – Friday 31st March

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

Changes to Preston West Primary Uniform Sales

With an enrolment of near 700 students, selling uniforms on the school premises has become a significant issue in relation to storing the vast amount of stock and the devotion of an increasing amount of administrative time towards supplies and sales. For the remainder of this term the uniform shop will be open at Preston West Primary on the following dates – Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th March between the hours of 8.45 – 10.45am. Please note no new stock will be ordered this term.

As of early Term 2 the sales of all our school uniform stock from Primary Schools Wear (PSW) will not be available at our onsite Uniform Shop.

Parents will be notified when the store will be in operation and will then need to visit the PSW shop or order online:

Unit 2, 283 Rex Road, Campbellfield VIC 3061

Trading Hours Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Phone: (03) 9768 0337 / <http://www.psw.com.au>.

We will continue to have second hand uniform items for sale, but will only have a limited supply of new stock for sale (items sourced from other suppliers). It is anticipated that the limited supply of remaining stock will be sold this year. Hats can still be purchased from our office.

School Council

Due to the fact that we received three parent nominations to be part of the Preston West School Council an election will not be necessary. Special thanks to the parents who have nominated to play an active role in the school. For our 2017/2018 School Council we welcome our parent representatives David Bellchambers, Ann-Maree Drakos and Mick Paskos and our Department of Education and Training representatives Mark Ross and Adrijana Lukic. These individuals will join current School Council members Anna Bell, Bo Li, Kevin O'Leary, Julie Vinci, Luke Begg and myself. Special thanks to Dianne Brown and Nicola Thomson whose term ends on School Council - their valuable contributions have been greatly appreciated. The next meeting of School Council which includes our annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm.

School Photos

Documentation for our 2017 school photos was distributed last week. **Our school photo days will take place on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.** On these days we will have class, individual, family, whole school and graduation photos taken. Please ensure children arrive at school on time on both days and are in full school uniform. We are unable to retake class, graduation and whole school photos if students are late or absent.

National Ride 2 School Day

National Ride to School Day is the perfect opportunity for students and community members to embrace a healthier start to the day and to walk or ride to school. Preston West will be celebrating National Ride 2 School Day on Friday 17th March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school. All students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters). Once on school grounds please walk your wheels over to the back oval where there will be space designated to park your bike/scooter.

Congratulations to our Prep Students

This week our Prep students have commenced full time schooling. Once again I must congratulate them on a fabulous start to their schooling year. I enjoy visiting their classrooms and sharing their learning and enthusiasm. It is amazing how quickly they absorb new learnings and information and many of them have visited the office to celebrate their reading, writing and letter knowledge attempts.

Parental Involvement

One of the special qualities that shines at Preston West is the genuine feeling of community. Parental involvement is imperative to the success of a school and can take place in various forums. It's great to see the number of parents who volunteer their time to assist in classrooms with our Prep Home Reading and Grade 1 /2 Guided Reading. Parental support in these programs is extremely valuable. Parents are also welcomed supporters for our Fresh Fruit Friday, school banking, sick bay linen and interschool sport endeavours. Please note that as at the commencement of the 2017 school year all volunteers at Preston West Primary must have a valid criminal record or Working With Children's Check. Special thanks to the many parent volunteers who have already presented their Working With Children's Check cards to the office. Next term we will also be enlisting the support of parents to assist at the Mothers Day Stall and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (May 20th).

Division Swimming Sports

Congratulations to our 17 swimmers, for representing Preston West Primary and the Division Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Special thanks to Ms. Vickers, Jacinta Thomas and the enthusiastic group of parents for supporting our swimmers. All the best to our 12 PWPS students that will progress to the regional swimming championships next week. A great effort.



Labour Day Public Holiday

There will be no school on Monday 13th March due to the Labour Day Public holiday. I hope all families have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable long weekend and we look forward to having all our students return on Tuesday 14th March.

Staff leave - 2M

Sue Moosajee will be on leave from Thursday 16th March until the end of Term 1. 2M will be taught by Judi Brockley during Sue's absence. We are so fortunate to have the services of so many quality replacement teachers who know our school and how it operates so well. This enables us to ensure our class programs continue to be delivered at the highest level.

Cheryl Bondeson

Multicultural Day – Thursday 30th March

Our school will be celebrating a Multicultural Day on Thursday 30th March.

On this day:

- Children can wear a costume of culture/heritage or be dressed in the colours of a nation.
- Multicultural lunch 12.40 – 1.10. Children are asked to bring a plate of food from their country or region to share with their class.
- Children will watch a show called “Le Vacanze” performed by La Comica Variety. The show takes the audience on a holiday around Italy. It is performed in English with some familiar Italian comments. The show cost is \$5.00 per child. This needs to be paid via Compass before the 30th March.
**Please note that information on this incursion will be distributed early next week.*
- There will be a cross age activity after lunch where children will do an activity which focuses on a different culture.

We look forward to a great day of fun and cultural diversity.

eLearning

pwps hardware update

This week the interactive projector installation has been complete in the Year 4 – 6 portables. These state of the art Epson multi-touch interactive projectors are helping continue to bring our school to the forefront of 21st century teaching and learning.

The addition of these devices allow both students and teaching staff the ability to interact with a range of online resource in real time, through the use of the Epson interactive pens or finger touch technology.

Luke Begg
eLearning Leading Teacher



GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

UNIFORM SHOP: Open Wednesday 15th, 22nd & 29th March from 9am – 11am.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to collect a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

Key Dates

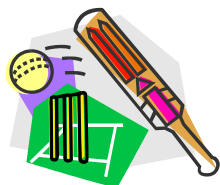
- **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 30th June 2017.**

Further Information

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information, please see:

[Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



Interschool Sports results from Friday 3rd March, 2017

SPORT	PWPS	HOLY NAME
Bat Tennis Girls	27	11
Bat Tennis Boys	30	6
Cricket A	94	97
Cricket B	80	130
Rounders Girls	6	6
Rounder Boys	10	3
T Ball	28	19

Interschool Sports this week will be played at AWAY against St Gabriels on Friday 10th March – Cricket at Crisp Park, T Ball - FORFEIT (StG), Bat Tennis and Rounders at St Gabriels. Good Luck!!

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 10th March are: Jane Piper, Brett Dellavedova, Fiona Draper, Irene Petrakis and Remy Ibrahim.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 10th March is Hannah Brooks.

QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!
Contact: katiehullbrown@gmail.com

**Thank
You**

MOTHERS/CARERS DAY STALL - May 2017

Hello to all our new PWPS families and creative people in our community!

My name is Kelly Brooks and I will be coordinating the Mothers/Carers day stall this year. I am seeking volunteers/helpers to share some ideas of what items we can easily make for the stall. There are some fun craft days/evenings planned for early Term 2. " [Great way to meet Preston West Parents /Carers](#)"

I would also welcome any donations of hand-made crafts, home-made gifts or plant saplings etc. to the stall.

[Donations can be passed on to myself or to the office in Term 2 between the 18/4/2017 and 5/5/2017](#)

I look forward to hearing from you with your creative/crafty ideas via email: kpbrooks@alphalink.com.au or mobile: 0409 210 307. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL BANKING - School banking is every Tuesday.

MATHLETICS IS ATHLETICS FOR YOUR BRAIN

Preston West P.S. has subscribed to Mathletics again for 2017.



Every student at Preston West P.S. has a unique username and password that they can use at home or school to log in and complete Mathematical problems that assist with developing their knowledge, skills, strategies, speed and accuracy.

The program covers all areas of Mathematics. Your child's teacher can set homework or targeted units of work for your child, to assist and challenge them, in their learning.

Students are rewarded with easy to print certificates of achievement.

Please email via Compass your child's classroom teacher for usernames and passwords.

LOG IN AND TRY MATHLETICS WITH YOUR CHILD.

EARLY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

If you wish to take your child to an appointment during school hours you must:

- Complete the 'Early Release Form' and collect an 'Early Release Pass'
- Take the 'Pass' to your child's classroom to collect your child
- Children will not be permitted to leave school unless accompanied by a parent or authorised person
- Please do not take your child during lunch time without completing the 'Early Release Form' from the office as this could cause anxiety when it is found that a child, present in the morning, is absent during the afternoon



The above procedure is in place to minimise disruption to the classrooms. We avoid making phone calls and announcements via the PA where possible as this interrupts valuable learning time in all classrooms.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 03/03/2017

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Zac Mohamed	Orlando Rizzi
Prep I	Xavier Riordan	Scarlett Maxwell
Prep K	Elizabeth McKerrow	Molly Dawson
Prep L	Prihan Said	Liam Wakeling
Prep W	Xavier Brisbane	Kushank Purohit
1B	Lara Issa	Summer Prashar
1C	Marcus Wang	Chloe Beck
1E	Ruth Brown	Chilli Cochis
1M	Joseph Barca	Rayan Bagher
1W	Maddox Ralifo	Elsa Kuut
2A	Maisah Al Balouchi	Alexander Pakos
2B	Sara Dani	Max Percy
2J	Luca McNicol	Layla Molina
2M	Amelie Bylsma	Xanthe Stothers
3B	Alicia Morgan	Josh Cullen
3D	Leo Herceg	Samindi Fernando
3P	Ella Hatzihalkias	Abdullahi Atosh
3W	Alana Lauina	Holly Grbac
4F		Claudia Patsalis
4K	Tara Alenezi	Pablo Paskos
4M	Ethan Pablo	Rueben Shaw
4W	Alexander Kolivas	Ava Fulcher
5H	Yasmine El-Diab	Mackenzie Bainbridge
5I	Sarina Stepanovski	Alessia Filippone
5J	Matthew Pulice	Aya Issa
5O	Namira Sciglitano	Lucy Preshaw
6N	Hugo Kerr	Madalena Lame
6S	Meera Mansukhani	Charlise Mizza
6T	Alaska Jones	Oliver Thomas
ART	Evan Mesic 1C	
MUSIC	Joseph Zeng 3D	
PHYS ED	Lachlan Elford 5J	
ITALIAN	Grace Liang 2B	

**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.com



COMMUNITY NEWS

Preston High School

We want to hear from you.

What kind of high school do you want for Preston?

Last year the Victorian Government committed to open a new co-educational secondary school for Years 7 to 12 students on the site of the former Preston Girls' Secondary College, Cooma Street, Preston.

We have established an online portal so you can have your say on what kind of school you want

www.engage.vic.gov.au/PrestonHigh.

Bundoora Secondary College

Discovery Open Night

Wednesday April 26th From 5-7pm

www.bundoorasc.edu.au

Charles La Trobe College

(Year 7, 2018)

Tuesday 21st March 2017

Tours from 5.45pm, Principals address

235 Kingsbury Drive, Macleod West

www.charleslatobecollege.vic.edu.au / Ph 9223 1400

Thornbury High School

Open Night

Thursday 16th March 2017 @ 7pm

238 Collins Street, Thornbury

Ph 9480 4066 / www.thornburyhs.vic.gov.au

Reservoir High

Showcase & Information Evening

Thursday 27th April, 2017 From 6.30pm

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 19th April, 2017 From 9am – 11am

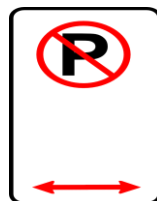
855 Plenty Road, Reservoir

PH: 9466 0900 / www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au

Dogs – Not to be on School Premises

Can parents please ensure that dogs are not brought on to the school premises or tied up on the fence inside the school. Thank you for your anticipated support.

***A friendly reminder - Kiss and Go Zone - Parking Safely around Schools**



Creating safe conditions for children around schools is something that we are all responsible for. You may have noticed these 'Kiss and Go' signs near our school in the No Parking zone. Drivers are allowed to stay inside or within three metres of their car for up to two minutes for the quick pick up and drop off of students. Disabled Permit holders can park for up to five minutes. When parking elsewhere, please don't encourage children to run across the road to meet you at your vehicle. Cross the road at the crossing and meet them safely. Please be aware that council traffic officers regularly patrol Jessie Street.

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BLUE LIGHT

FOOTY DISCO



17TH MARCH

FRIDAY

\$7 ENTRY // 6.30 - 9PM // 8 TO 14 YEAR OLDS
PRESTON TOWN HALL 274 GOWER ST, PRESTON
CONTACT **JO PARISSIS 0418 144 446**

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