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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th March, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Monday 27th Prep Incursion – Flying Book Worm

Tuesday 28th School Photos

Wednesday 29th School Photos

Thursday 30th Multicultural Day

Friday 31st Last Day Term 1 (2.30 Finish)

APRIL

Tuesday 18th First Day Term 2 commencing at 9am

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

The uniform shop will be open at Preston West Primary for the final day on 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.

Prep Enrolments 2018

We have had numerous phone calls and visits over the past month from prospective Prep enrolments for 2018. Next term we will be conducting weekly tours by appointment. Appointments can be made via our school web site by following the link to Enrolment, School Tour and using the event code **bfhza**. It would be greatly appreciated if our current families who intend to enrol a sibling for the 2018 Prep intake, collect and complete an enrolment form by June. This is imperative forms are completed next term, as until we have accurate figures of our current families we are unable to predict the number of students we will take on for 2018.

Early Dismissal end of term

Just a reminder that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday 31st March – last day of Term 1. We look forward to having all our students back on Tuesday 18th April.

Staff Leave

Jess Merlo and Luke Begg will be on leave for the commencement of Term 2. Grade 2J will be taught by Velena Voglis until Jess returns on Monday 1st May. Grade 3B will be taught by Karen Burke until Luke's return on Wednesday 3rd May.

School Photos

School photo days are next Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days we will have class, individual, whole school and graduation photos taken. The paperwork in regards to ordering photos was sent home via the student's communication folders a fortnight ago. Please ensure children arrive at school on time on both days and are in full school uniform. We are unable to retake the class, graduation and whole school photo if students are late or absent.

Harmony Day Performance

Monday mornings assembly was cancelled due to the rain. Our Harmony Day Choir and performances will be performed at next Monday's assembly.

School Council

The first meeting of our new School Council new took place this week and office bearers were appointed – President Bo Li, Vice President / Convenor of Finance Committee Mick Paskos, Secretary Adrijana Lukic and general members Mark Ross, Luke Begg, Julie Vince, Anna Bell, David Bellchambers and Ann-Maree Drakos. I look forward to a great year with our School Council who have the responsibility to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

A summary of the items at this week's School Council meeting include:

- Presentation of the Government Performance Summary and Annual Report. The student outcome data that was generated last year was extremely pleasing and something as a community we should be very proud of. The report outlines our achievements in 2016 in regards to student learning, engagement, and wellbeing. The Annual Report also provides a short summary of the future direction of the school, including our strategic work in implementing the Department of Education and Training's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The Annual Report for 2016 is available for parents/carers to view on Compass and our school webpage.
- The Annual Implementation Plan for improving student outcome was presented and is also available on Compass and webpage.
- NAPLAN for this year for our Year 3 and 5 students will be conducted between 9th–11th May.
- The Parent's Club will coordinate a family dance night on Friday 5th May and a Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Saturday 20th May.
- Education Week commences Monday 22nd May. We will have an open morning on May 23rd and kinder visits on May 25th.
- **Pupil free days for 2017 will be conducted on Monday 7th August and Monday 6th November. Wednesday 28th June is the date allocated for our Three Way Conferences.**
- The new Victorian Curriculum is being successfully implemented across the school.
- The School Improvement Leadership Team are currently working at revamping the student report format, which will be distributed in June and December.
- Staff professional learning for Term 1 has included peer observations, Words Their Way, CPR, Coaching (literacy, numeracy and eLearning) and Mandatory Reporting.
- This week parents/carers accessing the Before and After School Program have the opportunity to alter their bookings for Term 2 if spaces are available.
- Negotiations continue with the Victorian School's Building Authority in regards to building galleries between our new buildings and re asphaltting selected areas of our school.

Ride2School Day

It was great to see the number of children and also parents who supported Ride 2 School Day. Riding bikes, scooters and taking the opportunity to walk around the streets of Preston is a great way to get around. Special thanks to Ainslee Watkins for coordinating the event.

Pedestrian Safety

I acknowledge drop off and pick up times around the school are often hectic. However, can I please encourage our community to follow road and parking regulations and avoid parking across driveways, our school gate, school crossings or performing U-turns on Jessie St. Cars are not to be left unattended in the 'Kiss and Go' and bus zones. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Lost Property

Lost property is located outside the Art Room. Can I please encourage parents to ensure all clothing and lunch boxes are labelled.

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 becomes really challenging when parents approach children 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.

Lunch Time Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs are a great way for children to access extra-curricular activities. Please see below the range of Clubs that will be on offer for the remainder of this term and throughout Term 2.

Monday:	Grade 1 Mosaic Club - Room 17 Grade 5/6 Girls Soccer Club – 1.35 pm - Gymnasium
Tuesday:	8.30 am Cross Country Club – Outside Grade 3 Building Rock Band – lunchtime – Music Room
Wednesday:	8.20 am Boite Choir – Music Room
Thursday:	8.30 am Cross Country Club – Outside Grade 3 Building Creative Club – 1.35 pm – Art Room
Friday:	Junior Coding Club – 1.35 pm – Room 4

Announcements are made to alert children as to which clubs are on each day. Special thanks to the staff for volunteering their time to conduct the clubs.

Cheryl Bondeson

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school is currently adding more information to your Compass portal, instead of having information spread over various forms of media. As such, we send out our weekly newsletter to the primary care giver through a link on Compass. You can no longer subscribe to the newsletter from the website, but it can still be easily read or downloaded by going to the school home page and selecting the newsletter tab.

On Compass we have also added under the tab 'Community' a policy library that has all the requirements outlined required by the Department of Education and Training eg. Annual Report, Emergency Management Plan, school policies and other information may be beneficial such as canteen lunch order menus. This section on Compass will grow and is designed to be the place where you will go for documentation.

Our aim is to make communication between the school and the community more streamlined and safer as it is in the Compass portal that you need to login to. As part of this upgrade students in Years Prep -2 area will still have a class blog but students in Years 3-6 will have their personal style of blog through the seesaw app.

Cheryl Bondeson
Principal
Preston West Primary School

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 a 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.
- 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.

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

UNIFORM SHOP: Open Wednesday 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](#)

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 24thth March are: Miranda Rezzani, Kelly Gallagher, Vijaykumar Patel, Kelly Brooks and Eman Abaza.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 24th March is Vijaykumar Patel.

Thank
You

QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!

Contact: katiehullbrown@gmail.com

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.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

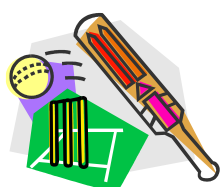
Preston West Primary School offers a School Banking Program for our students with School Banking day on every Tuesday.

We are seeking a few more volunteers to help with the School Banking Program. If you can spare 30 minutes every few weeks, please email Kathryn Li on kathrynli1510@gmail.com.

The School Banking program enables children to make deposits into their personal account each week through the safe environment of the school. It is not about how much money children deposit, but it is about teaching them numeracy skills to save regularly and positive experience of participating in the School Banking Program!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool Sports results from Friday 17th March, 2017



SPORT	PWPS	Preston B
Bat Tennis Girls	30	3
Bat Tennis Boys	25	11
Cricket A	61	105
Cricket B	87	97
Rounders Girls	11	4
Rounder Boys	5	2
T Ball	23	13

Interschool Sports this week will be played AWAY against Preston A on Friday 24th March – Cricket at Moore Park South, T Ball, Bat Tennis and Rounders at Preston PS. Good Luck.

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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 17/03/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Tom Tottman	Hadla Saoud
Prep I	Heather Woodier	Arham Umar
Prep K	Levi Boyle	Penny Drakos
Prep L	Jessie Ayres	Louis Cagliarini
Prep W	Japjyot Singh	Max Cocca
1B	Nathan Nguyen	Muaadh Mohammed
1C	Savannah Ajro	Franco Santos
1E	Harrison Zhang	Chilla Wang
1M	Karam Mahdi	Alice Preshaw
1W	Miro Mukai	Ethan Choudhry
2A	Aryan Rokhade	Bianca Hristov
2B	Grace Liang	Lawrence McKenzie
2M	Calvin Trembl	Asiya Hassan
3B	Lennox Parker	Charlotte Catton
3D	Ethan Dani	Sebastian Yu
3P	Ryan Ang	Ruby Markoski
3W	Evanya Ivanov	Haimo Xia
4F	Evie Stothers	Jane Huynh
4K	Finn Golledge	Mili Lambiase
4M	Ismail Hassan	Quinn MacCartney
4W	Fox James	Whole Class
5H	Jamie Batten Lawrence	Adrian Beavis
5I	Sturt Boltin	Alyssa Kolivas
5J	Ava Marchesan	Rory Tymon
5O	Maya Cucanic	Sabastian Santocono
6N	Bridie Boxall	Dylan Ly
6S	Molly McErlain	Ethan Papoulias
6T	Kyriakos Gelis	Zoe Kompogiorgas
ART	Eli Pereira PK	
MUSIC	Charlotte Caddeo 5O	
PHYS ED	Xavier Magalhaes PW & 5J	
ITALIAN	Ethan Choudhry 1W	



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.

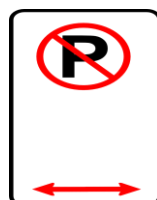
Please email via Compass your child's classroom teacher for usernames and passwords.

LOG IN AND TRY MATHLETICS WITH YOUR CHILD.

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.

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.

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

Pascoe Vale Girls College

Open Day

Wednesday 19th April

Morning 9am – 10.30am

Afternoon 4pm – 5:30pm

Evening 7pm – 8pm

www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment / Ph 9306 2544

Northcote High School

Open Morning

Thursday 27th April 2017

9.15am-12pm Tour and Presentation

7pm-8pm – Presentation Only

www.nhs.vic.edu.au / Ph 9488 2300

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

www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au / Ph 9466 0900

School Holiday Programs

If parents require child care 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.darebinstadium.ymca.org.au/participate/school-holiday-program.html>

Secondhand Book Sale - Nothing over \$2!!!

Saturday 25 March, 10am - 3pm

Sunday 26 March, 11am - 4pm

1st Reservoir Scouts Hall, Leamington Street, Reservoir (just behind Edwardes Lake Park)

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Preston West Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2017.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au



www.creativemusic.com.au

