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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 30th March, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Friday 31st

Last Day Term 1 (2.30 Finish)

APRIL

Tuesday 18th

First Day Term 2 commencing at 9am

MAY

Friday 5th

PWPS Parents Club Family Disco (details next term)

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

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.

End of Term Thank You

Thank you to the school community for your support throughout Term 1. It's certainly been a productive, hard working term for staff and students and numerous special events have added much excitement and many special memories. I would especially like to thank the staff who have been wonderful and have worked hard to deliver quality class programs. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and I am looking forward to sharing the stories and experiences with students after the break. I also wish families a happy Easter time. Just a reminder, that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon (Friday 31st March) – last day of Term 1. We are looking forward to having everyone back on Tuesday 18th April for the commencement of Term 2.

Multicultural Day

Multiculturalism, inclusion and working as one community are great strengths of Preston West Primary School. Therefore, its not surprising that Multicultural Day celebrations proved to be a huge success today. The students thoroughly enjoyed the La Comia Vierty as they present 'Le Vacanze'. For lunch there was a wide array of traditional foods from numerous countries enthusiastically shared in classrooms and this afternoon students will work in multi aged grouping to complete an engaging cultural learning experience. The student's traditional costumes and colours certainly looked terrific and the efforts from parents/carers were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Tina Stapmanns for coordinating our Multicultural Day. A multi aged event will be conducted each term in 2017.

Annual Report

Last week our 2016 Annual Report to the school community was tabled and discussed at School Council. 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 via on Compass and our school webpage.

Term 1 Highlights

As we draw to a close at the end of Term 1, I am reflecting on some of the special moments that have occurred this term:

- The manner in which the children have settled and the excellent work routines and standards that have been established.
- Terrific results in Departmental and school based testing acknowledging pleasing improvements in student outcomes.
- Quality programs operating across the school which challenge students to strive towards achieving their full academic and social potential.
- The conversations, hard work and terrific role modelling shown by our school leaders (House Captains, Vice Captains, Laptop / iPad Leaders, Environmental Leaders, Behaviour Buddies and the Junior School Council).
- The engaging thematic units of work being conducted in the classrooms throughout the term reflecting the Victorian Curriculum. The delivery of additional programs in Italian, Art, Music, Physical Education, English as an Additional Language and Intervention/Support. Bounceback continues to be taught across the school. Our school webpage has traditionally been the location where parents can find the curriculum being covered at each year level. Commencing next term, parents can see the focus in literacy and numeracy, the thematic units being investigated, an outline of home learning and the topics covered in Art, P.E. Music and Italian via Compass.
- Watching the students' spirit of cooperation and fair play when in the yard and classrooms.
- The active participation of students in interschool sport and their excellent behaviour, teamwork and improved skills. Excellent attendance at after school interschool sports practice and the success of our swimmers at the school, district and regional swimming competitions.
- Fantastic support from the parent community – Prep reading, Guided Reading in Grade 1/2, School Council, Fresh Fruit Friday, School Banking, school sport, excursion attendance and Parent's Club.
- High quality of homework and projects being completed by the students.
- Delivery of a successful Before and After School Care Program which is held in high regard by those in attendance.

The school as a whole has had a great start in 2017 and I look forward to the achievements and highlights we can produce together throughout Terms 2 to 4. Next term is sure to be just as busy with Education Week, School Tours, NAPLAN, Three Way Conferences, Grade 6 Camp (Waratah Bay), Grade 4 camp (Lake Dewar) to name some of the important events that will occur.

District Sporting Finals

Tomorrow morning we have our girls and boys bat tennis teams and our girls rounders team playing in the District Summer Sports Grand Finals. Bat tennis will be played at Preston West Primary and our rounders team will compete at Preston North East Primary. Congratulations to our three teams and we wish our competitors all the best in their finals pursuits and know they will do us proud. Special thanks to Kathryn Vickers for coordinating interschool sport and the staff who have worked enthusiastically coaching the teams throughout the term.

Compass – Parent Information

This term the school has added more information for parents on the Compass portal, instead of having resources spread over various forms of media. We have added under the tab 'Community' a policy library that has all the requirements identified by the Department of Education and Training e.g. Annual Report, Emergency Management Plan, school policies and other information you might require 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 newsletter is sent out weekly 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.

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.

Term 2 assembly

The first assembly for Term 2 will be conducted on Monday 24th April.

Cheryl Bondeson

Harmony Day

Assembly presentation by our Grade 6 Behaviour Buddies

Last Monday we celebrated Harmony Day. The Behaviour Buddies and I will be talking about what Harmony Day means to us.

Harmony Day for me signifies all cultures coming together as one and sharing what makes us special.

Since 1999 more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many traditions as Australians.

Around forty five percent of Australians were born overseas or at least one parent was.

Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia. Eighty five percent of Australians agree day multiculturalism has been positive for Australia. More than 60 indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversation.

To Preston West Primary School Harmony day is happiness, fun, laughter and appreciating each other's cultures.

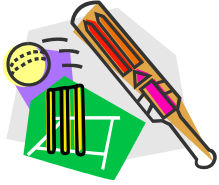
I hope you all had a wonderful harmonies week.

From *Meera Mansukhani, Anastasia Brousalis, Madalena Lame, Yasmine Katsogiannis and Charlise Mizza.*



SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



Interschool Sports results from Friday 24th March, 2017

SPORT	PWPS	Preston A
Bat Tennis Girls	31	10
Bat Tennis Boys	30	15
Cricket A	48	144
Cricket B	37	178
Rounders Girls	9	8
Rounder Boys	2	14
T Ball	5	17

Bat tennis Girls and Boys Grand Final will be played at Preston West Primary and our rounders Girls team will compete at Preston North East Primary. Congratulations and Good luck to all involved!

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](#)

eConnect Cyber Safety Sessions

Next term Preston West Primary will be hosting a day of Cyber Safety sessions facilitated by eConnect. The eConnect program is provided by eSmart, which is an initiative from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

Throughout the day the Year 3 – 6 students will be participating in information sessions that cover the Three C's of Cyber Safety: Contact, Conduct and Content. This is aimed to ensure consistent approaches to staying safe online. Later in the evening there will be a parent session on offer that will provide an insight into the online worlds of young people, including: latest trends, risks and research.

A booking has been made for Wednesday 24th of May, with the parent session being held in the gymnasium at 6:15pm.

If you are interested in attending the parent session, please click on the following link so that I am able to confirm numbers for the session.

[Attendance Survey \(Click Here\)](#)

Regards,
Luke Begg
eLearning Leading Teacher

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

There will be no Fresh Fruit Friday tomorrow.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 31st March is Sarah McArdle.

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.

Thursday April 20th and 27th between 6.30 and 9.30 we will be having creative craft nights for the Mothers'/Carers' Day stall.

SCHOOL BANKING - School banking is every Tuesday.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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!

**Thank
You**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 24/03/2017

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Yusuf Moosa	Abigail Oommen
Prep I	Obi McGregor	Devesh Mazumdar
Prep K	Eli Pereira	Carson Wang
Prep L	Clementine Skewes	Harley Utting
Prep W	Emma Serratore	Thomas Rodoreda
1B	Erica Semple	Samuel Pingitore
1C	Yusha Muhammad	Aishah Foggi
1E	Massimo De Lorenzo	Ayah Mohtadi
1M	Nikola Nicevski	Tina Lin
1W	Minh Dao	Lara Sibley
2A	Eno Zhang	Gizelle Sezen
2B	Rodrigo Diaz Alarcon	Angelina Zervoudakis
2J	Aahana Guha	Naimat Khan
2M	Ahmed Saghar	Yvonne Gouvousis
3B	Angelo Lekkas	Charlie Grbac
3D	Daniel Ly	Samindi Fernando
3P	Joshua Stojanoski	Ella Hatzihalkias
3W	Sophia He	Noah Robotis
4F	Whole Class	Hannah Lin
4K	Floyd O’Dwyer	Kosta Triantafyllopoulos
4M	Claire Lewis	Han Zhen Gao
4W	Jasper Coopes	Lakshya Lakshya
5H	Rania Atosh	Sunny O’Mahony
5I	George Zervousdakis	Anthony Pham
5J	Chris Lu	Isabel Ajro
5O	Eddie Lu	Olivia Shell
6N	Murphy Roberts	Iese Tiauli
6S	Wholes Class	Kaisha Thompson
6T	Zara Schaper	Deelan Doski
ART	Lachlan Elford 5J	
MUSIC		
PHYS ED	Binul Amarasekara 5H	
ITALIAN	Meera Mansukhani 6S	



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



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Preston High School update

The Victorian School Building Authority held a community forum on February 16 attended by close to 200 people and over 2,000 people visited the online engagement portal where 345 people filled out a survey and another 40 added comments on the site <https://engage.vic.gov.au/PrestonHigh>

Thank you to everyone who visited the site or attended the workshop. All comments have been provided to the Architects and the New School Planning Group, NSPG, so that the community's comments on what they want for the new school will be used in developing the master plan.

The NSPG has met twice to discuss the community feedback and the Architects are using the comments to inform their master plan for the school. A report of what the community said will be released after school has returned for term two.

Rest assured that the NSPG and Architects are working hard to bring a master plan back to the community as soon as possible.

For more information on the school please visit our website

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

Please take the time to watch the video from the community workshop

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSMJQ-QLQ9U>

Bundoora Secondary College
Discovery Open Night
Wednesday April 26th From 5-7pm
www.bundoorasc.edu.au

Macleod College
Open Night EXPO
Wednesday 19th April from 6-8pm
Carwarp Street Macloud
info@macloud.vic.edu.au / Ph 9459 0222

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>

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



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