PRESTONS POST

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Date Issued: 29th November 2012

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wee Terr	•	27 Active After School Yrs K-1 Used Uniform Shop Open 8:45am-9:45am	28 K-2 Assembly 11:45am Student Banking 3-4 Maritime Museum Excursion	29 Thank you Morning Tea Stage 2&3 Assembly 2:15pm Active After School Yrs 2-5	30
Wee Term	Shop open	4 K-2 Movie Day Excursion	5 K-2 Assembly 11:45am Student Banking	6 Year 6 – Wooglemai Excursion Reading Recovery Graduation	7 Presentation Day

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

This week the school had the opportunity to say thank you to a very special group of people in our school -members of our Prestons Public School community.

On Tuesday night, I was able to thank and show the schools appreciation to the members of the P&C for their tireless efforts throughout the year. The P&C committee have done an amazing job all year, to organise fundraising events and support the operation of the school. What makes their efforts even MORE impressive, is that the work is done by LESS THAN 10 people! In a school made up of nearly 450 students (coming from approximately 320 families), that is quite a burden to bear. And yet, they have continued to put in time and time again, so that EVERYONE benefits. Therefore, on behalf of the ENTIRE Prestons Public School community, I would like to say THANK YOU for such an OUTSTANDING EFFORT! Hopefully next year, we will have a few more members to help make our school even better!

Today, the staff also had the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to our Scripture Teachers and parent helpers. These volunteers have provided great service throughout the year, assisting the staff to provide a better service to our students. A special commendation needs to be extended to Mrs Harrington who is retiring this year, after 35 years (and no that is not a misprint) of service as a Scripture Teacher at Prestons PS. To show such dedication and commitment to the students at this school over the last 3 decades is inspiring! On behalf of all the community, I would like to thank Mrs Harrington and all the other scripture teachers and parent helpers, for their service and dedication.

PARENT SURVEY – LEADERSHIP

As I published in last week's newsletter, each year as part of the Annual School Report, schools evaluate one of five areas outlined by the DEC using a survey tool called SchoolMap. This year, we will be evaluating Leadership. Accompanying this newsletter is a brief survey form. We ask that all families complete and return the survey **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 30th November,** so that we can report on the data and effectively review the leadership structures in the school.

Last week, the STUDENT SURVEY WAS SENT HOME – THIS WEEK IT IS THE PARENT SURVEY.

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PLEASE NOTE – The survey is anonymous, so names are not required on the survey. Mark Greentree

Friday 7th December (Week 9) in the School Hall. The presentation ceremony will begin at 9:15am. Come and join us to celebrate the students' academic, sporting and creative achievements.





Platinum Award Ceremonies



K-2 Wednesday
Week 10
11:45am

Stage 2 Thursday
Week 10
9.00am

Stage 3 Thursday
Week 10
10.00am

STUDENT BANKING



A reminder to parents that student banking is each **Wednesday**.

Students are to hand their bank books to the office each morning.



Book Club - Issue 8

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P&C Used Uniform Shop



Next Opening day will be Monday 3rd
December From 8:45am – 9:45am

Maritime Museum Excursion Stage 2

Yesterday, students from Stage 2 attended the Maritime Museum excursion in Darling Harbour. The students had a wonderful time and must be commended on their excellent behaviour.





Reminder for Upcoming Excursions!!



K-2 Movie Day
Tuesday 4 December
Year 6 – Wooglemai

Thursday 6 December Year 6 Farewell Tuesday 11 December

Please ensure payments and permission notes are handed in on time. Notes are available from the office.





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