



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Preschool Transition Program

The Preschool transition program 'kicked off' on Monday, and was extremely well received by all who attended. Whilst the preschoolers worked in the Kindy rooms, becoming familiar with the concept of 'big school', the parents participated in a mini workshop, examining ways to assist their child with literacy development. This program will continue for the next three weeks, culminating in our Kindergarten Orientation on 6th November. If you would like to be involved in this program, please contact the School Office or check out our school website: www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

P&C Family Movie Night

The P&C have organised a family movie night for 1st November. A giant inflatable screen will be erected on the school oval, for what is sure to be a GREAT school community event. Full details can be found on the back page of today's newsletter. I hope we can all support this special event.

Mark Greentree - Principal

Have you enrolled your child for KINDY 2014 yet??

If not - your time is running out!!

If your child is 5 or turning 5 before 31st July 2014 then you need to enrol now so that they can participate in the Kindergarten/Preschool Transition and Orientation program.

To enrol - simply contact the School Office on 96027435.

Don't miss out on these great programs!!

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

18/10/2013
RD 6 PSSA

21/10/13 & 23/10/13
Kindergarten Transition
9.30-11.00am

23/10/2013
Lessons Afloat -
Stage 2

31/10/2013
Calmsley Hill City Farm -
Kindergarten

Sport Highlights

PSSA Sport Venues for Friday 18th October

Cricket

JNR & SNR A Team
Phillips Park, Lurnea

JNR & SNR B Team
Amalfi Park, Lurnea

School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at **2.20pm**

3-6 – Every 2nd Thursday- Even Weeks commencing at **2.15pm**

P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be open every Friday morning from 8.30am for approximately 1 hour.

Upcoming Excursions

- **Wednesday 23/10/2013**
Stage 2 – Lessons Afloat
Payments have closed
- **Thursday 31/10/2013**
Stage 1 – Calmsley Hill Farm
Cost \$21 – Due 28th October

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Stewart House Collection bags have been distributed. Please leave your donations at the front of Mr Currey's room. Donations need to be returned no later than Thursday 24th October.

Office Hours & Uniform Sales

Our office opening hours are from 8:30am – 3.15pm. Uniforms can be purchased during these times, Monday to Friday.



STUDENT BANKING

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms by the following day.

Update Of Contact Information

At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.



Kindergarten 2014

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. Children who are already 5 years of age or will be turning 5 by the 31st July 2014 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2014.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Book Club

Issue 7 order forms have been distributed to students. Orders and payment are due to the office by Friday 25th October.



Home Safety

About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens. It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

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Free junior tennis racquet with all new enrolments.
Location - Club Marconi Prairievale Rd, Bossley Park.

Student of the Week Award Recipients

KA	- Brooke
KL	- Emily
KS	- Jacoby
K/1V	- Jasmine
1K	- Robbie
1MB	- TBA
1S	- Blake
2B	- Cheehan
2N	- Reem
2S	- Connor

Welcome

Mrs Sarah Claydon to Prestons PS

This week we welcomed Mrs Sarah Claydon to our staff, as she takes over the teaching role in 3R. I'm sure that she will make a wonderful addition to the staff at Prestons Public School, as she takes over from Mrs Raiti.

NSW Public School Terms and Holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015. Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>



Jargon Explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>

Classroom Chat with

2S

Back in Action

Students have now settled back from their term break and have embarked in a new academic journey to learn new and exciting things. We started off this term by learning how to do informative writing. During literacy students are taught how to provide factual statements in their texts, use conjunctions to make their sentences longer and adjectives to make their writing fun and readable.

2S continues to learn 'Early Arithmetic Strategies' in the *TEN* program. Students thoroughly enjoy working collaboratively using equipment and their whiteboards to reflect on addition and subtraction techniques.



Our drama lessons are also off to a great start with students showing off their emotions through an impressive expression of creativity. A positive impact on student's social and emotional development is already evident as they increase their confidence levels and improve their ability to perform in front of a crowd.

Homework is a great way for students to consolidate what they have learnt at school during the week. On that note, we would like to thank all the parents that make sure homework is handed in by students within the proposed timeframes and deadlines. So far they have been doing a fantastic job and are providing me with great stories on how their parents are supporting their learning experience at home.

Finally, a special mention to Vibha who was selected to be a part of the speech competition. Congratulations and well done!

5/6S

The holidays are usually filled with fun and excitement. Getting back to a school routine and out of the lazy holiday habits can be hard work. However it was nowhere near as hard at the beginning of this term for 5/6S. This term began with 2 days at camp for some students and 2 days of fun classroom activities for others. Most of 5/6S along with other stage 3 students boarded a bus on the first day of term 4 and headed for 'The Great Aussie Bush Camp' in Kincumber. From the moment we all arrived at camp until the minute we left, we were all involved in fun filled activities. We:

- played games as we canoed
- slipped, slid, crawled and swam in mud and muddy water in a place called Treasure Island
- over came our fears as we walked on high ropes
- learnt to focus and aim while doing archery
- worked as a team and encouraged each other as we swung on the 17 metre Giant Swing
- discovered some useful tips on how to survive in the bush and made some tasty damper over a camp fire
- versed the teachers in a game of Commando where the teachers won of course
- listened to some stories as we sat around a camp fire drinking chocolate milk and eating cookies.

All who went to camp including the teachers had an awesome time. There are lots of stories and memories that each of us bought back and will have for the rest of our lives. 5/6S students that stayed at school all joined the rest of the stage 3 students who did not go to camp. Together they:

- completed a variety of maths and literacy games
- learnt about horticulture and then enhanced and beautified the school Aboriginal and vegetable garden.
- Participated in fun fitness and sport activities.

Movie Night

Prestons PS P&C Movie Under the Stars

Bring your own

- Picnic blanket
- Low chair (beach type)
- Camping chair
- Bean bag
- Blanket

Prams are welcome but will be in specified seating areas

Date: Friday 1st November 2013 at Prestons Public School from 6:00pm till 9:30pm
Food available on the night: Sausage Sizzle, Drinks (water, soft drinks & tea/coffee), popcorn & lollies.

Note: When making your payment, we require exact money as change cannot be given.

Prestons PS P&C will be hosting a movie under the stars night at school for PPS students and their families. The movie will be "Hotel Transylvania". The night will begin at 6:00pm and the movie will start at around 7:30pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, popcorn, show bags, lucky dips and glowsticks for sale.

Cost: \$10 for a family of 4 (2A&2C or 1A&3C). Extra tickets are \$2.50 each. Note: students must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All tickets must be purchased before the night as there are NO entry tickets being sold at the gate.

Meal Deal: Includes 1 family ticket and sausage sizzle and a drink for each person for \$22. (pre ordered only)



You may bring your own food and drink but please be advised that there is a strict NO ALCOHOL policy and no glass bottles are allowed. Bags will be checked on arrival. There is a NO SMOKING policy, so therefore smoking will NOT be permitted whilst on the school grounds. Pass outs are allowed. Students MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult. In the event of inclement weather, the Movies Under the Stars event will be re-scheduled.

Ticket order forms for Prestons P&C Movie Under the Stars will be distributed to students during Week 3