



# PRESTONS POST



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**A picture says a thousand words.....**



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Prestons Public School = *Value Added Education*

If you haven't guessed from reading the newsletter each week, I am exceptionally proud of the great things that happen at our school each day and the way in which our staff go 'above and beyond' to provide our students with 'value added' education. Aside from programming and delivering quality teaching and learning programs, our staff consistently implement programs to ensure that students gain wonderful life experiences that broaden their skills, knowledge and understandings. Most of the time, the programs are run during lunch breaks, before school or after school. Often they are just examples of staff going the 'extra mile' to ensure that our students have the BEST educational opportunities. Recent examples of this include: Preschool Transition and Orientation Program, Dance Groups, Prestons Cup Indoor Soccer Competition, School Choir, PSSA sporting teams (training), Active After School Sports Program, Debating Team, lunchtime Yoga club, Book Fair etc. (By the way, these are just the EXTRA CURRICULAR activities – I haven't even mentioned programs such as Speech Therapy, Reading Tutor Program, Behaviour Support Programs, Learning Support Programs, ESL Programs, Parent workshops etc!)

It is great to work with such a wonderful and dedicated group of people, who are committed to ensuring that students at Prestons PS not only receive an EXCELLENT education, but also have the opportunities to explore and develop their talents in ALL areas.

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

**6/11/13 - 19/11/13**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**

**18/11/2013**  
**Selective HS**  
**applications due**

**19/11/2013**  
**Student Disco**  
**K-2 - 5pm - 6pm**  
**3-6 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm**

**26/11/2013**  
**P&C Meeting**  
**6pm Staffroom**

**3/12/2013**  
**K-2 Movie Day**

**9/12/2013**  
**Yr 6 Farewell**

## **Sport Highlights**

**PSSA Sport Venues for**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Cricket**

**JNR & SNR A Team**  
Phillips Park, Lurnea

**JNR & SNR B Team**  
Phillips Park, Lurnea

**All outstanding Summer**  
**PSSA fees are now due**

## School Information

### Assembly Information

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

**3-6** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday- Even Weeks commencing at **2.15pm**

### Office Hours & Uniform Sales

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



### Scholastic Book Fair

Prestons Public School is holding a Scholastic Book Fair from the

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov to the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Books will be available for sale from the library. Purchases can be made before school, first half of lunch and after school.

### Friday PSSA & Primary Sport

With the warmer weather that we have been experiencing please make sure that your child has **plenty of drinks, a school hat and sunscreen** with them on Fridays. This will ensure that they are protected from the sun and well hydrated.



### PSSA Results from Round 8

#### JUNIOR A

Casula defeated Prestons  
88 runs to 84 runs

#### SENIOR A

Prestons defeated Casula 79-73  
79 runs to 73 runs

#### JUNIOR B

Dalmeny defeated Prestons  
88 runs to 44 runs

#### SENIOR B

Dalmeny defeated Prestons  
104 runs to 86 runs

## School Disco



**Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup> November**

**K-2 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

**3-6 6:15pm -7:30pm**

**Cost \$5.00**

**(includes a free glow stick)**

**Notes and money will be collected at the door.**

### Ready For High School

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/language/support/documents/start\\_ss/rfhsc.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/language/support/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

### Art About Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition:

[www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

### Year 5 Selective High School 2015

Parents are reminded that the closing date for online and paper applications is the **18<sup>th</sup> November 2013**.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

If internet access is not available, printed application forms can be obtained from the office.

## Student of the Week Award Recipients

<b>KA</b>	- Joban & Charisma
<b>KL</b>	- Christina
<b>KS</b>	- Amar & Adnan
<b>K/1V</b>	- TJ, Arshia & Maria
<b>1K</b>	- Kristina & Aya
<b>1MB</b>	- Cita & Sahil
<b>1S</b>	- Vian & Kalua
<b>2B</b>	- Jovianne & Zahra
<b>2N</b>	- Omar
<b>2S</b>	- Ethan & Fajr
<b>3SH</b>	- Emily & Richard
<b>3R</b>	- Eliz & Jai
<b>3/4H</b>	- Shaye & Evan
<b>4E</b>	- Muhammad & Shaaniya
<b>4RM</b>	- Estelle & Cliantha
<b>4/5B</b>	- Arushi & Lameah
<b>5/6J</b>	- Tara & Zac
<b>5/6N</b>	- Janelle & Wendy
<b>5/6S</b>	- Kush & Izzet
<b>5/6T</b>	- Nicole & Tasha

**Learn Music on keyboard in 2014**  
**Prestons Public School**

**Currently Taking Enrolments Now!**  
**Limited Vacancies**

- \* 45 minute weekly lesson - small group
- \* Instrument not required initially
- \* Music material provided
- \* Competitive rate - \$25 per session
- \* Convenient at-school venue

**Smart Kids Love Music!**

Call: **9411 3122** to enrol  
(business hours during school term)

[www.learnmusicatschool.com.au](http://www.learnmusicatschool.com.au)

# Classroom Chat with .....

## 1MB

During the term, students in 1MB have participated in a variety of Fitness activities, along with the rest of our stage, that use party games to get the students moving and keep them active! We have played lots of different games including “Duck, Duck, Goose”, “Fruit Salad”, “Knots”, “What’s the time Mr Wolf?” and a variety of different relay races. The students really liked using their muscles to play “Wheelbarrow Races” even though there were a few bindi problems! The students have not only been able to practice using their fundamental movement skills but also the very important social skills that are needed when playing a game with peers. It has been great to see the excitement on the students faces when they hear the words “It’s time for fitness!”.



## 4RM

4RM are happy to have the opportunity to tell everyone about what they’ve been doing at school throughout term 4.

In class, 4RM have been focusing on writing interesting and descriptive narratives, refining our mental arithmetic strategies and discussing our personal safety and wellbeing.

4RM are learning about Australia’s unique flora and fauna and about our country’s famous landmarks.

Let’s hear what they have to say!

“We have been doing really well in our town groups. We have learnt a lot of (mental) strategies like the jump and split strategy.”

Maithri

“We have been learning about space and measurement; we used trundle wheels to measure distances around our school. We also wrote narratives using effective adjectives and verbs.”

Cliantha

“4RM has also been doing Aboriginal art while learning about Australia’s native flora and fauna.”

Joshua

“We used Ipads to research about Australia’s states, capitals and famous landmarks.”

Krishneel



## Active After School Communities (AASC) Program

Well, the year is quickly coming to an end and so is the Active After School Communities Program. We have had many students take part in the program this year and all have had a great time keeping fit. This term students are participating in Fitness and Circuit activities including boxing, skipping, hurdles, fitness ladders and fitness balls. The year 3 to 6 day have been seen having a great time playing “tug-o-war” with Miss Schroeder joining in to make it fair!



I would like to say a big thank you to all of the students who have participated as well as the parents and carers who have ensured that the program was a success this year. Keep your eyes posted early next year for the program to start again in Term 1!

Mrs Kylie Boss



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