



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and 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 (such as our FANTASTIC Movie Night) and support the operation of the school. Once again, the work of many has been done by a few VERY DEDICATED and committed parents who continually lead they way in assisting the school to provide an outstanding education for ALL our students. 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. On behalf of all the community, I would like to all the scripture teachers and parent helpers, for their service and dedication.

### P&C Raffle Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the 2013 P&C Christmas raffle will be sent home to families next Monday. The tickets are only 50 cents each or \$2 for a book of 5. If you require any further books of tickets, please collect them from the Front Office. Prizes include: Christmas Hampers, Dinner Voucher, Wii Accessories, iPod Accessories and many more. I encourage you all to support this fundraiser, as all the money raised goes back to the school to support the education of our students. This year, the P&C has supported our school by donating funds to purchase blazers for the School Captains and representatives and sports singlet's for our students when representing at Zone and Regional events.

### STOP WORK MEETING

The NSW Teachers Federation have called for a 2 hour stop work meeting **NEXT TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December** from 9am-11am. Further details regarding classes that may be affected will be provided in a special note to all families. Please note: The K-2 movie Day **WILL NOT** be affected!

Mark Greentree – Principal

## 2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**5/12/2013**  
Sport Presentation  
Assembly - 9.30am

**6/12/2013**  
Presentation Day  
9.30am

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

**13/12/2013**  
Class Party & Reward  
Day

**17/12/2013**  
Yr 6 Fun Day

**18/12/2013**  
Last day for students

**29/1/2014**  
Staff Return

**Office open 8.30am -  
3.15pm for uniform  
sales**

**30/1/2014**  
Students Yr 1-6  
return

**31/1/2014**  
Kindergarten start

## 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**

### Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**  
K-2 Movie Day  
Cost: **\$11** Due by 29/11/2013
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
Yr 6 Farewell  
Liverpool Catholic Club  
5:45pm – 9:30pm  
Cost: **\$30** Due by 2/12/2013
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
Class Parties & Reward Day  
Students will be advised what to bring by their teachers.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
Yr 6 Fun Day  
Narellan Movies  
Cost: **\$20** Due by 29/11/2013  
**Students to depart school by 8.50am**

### PARENT SURVEY – MANAGEMENT (Reminder)

Last week, a parent survey was sent home to parents, as part of our annual school evaluation. As mentioned in previous newsletters, **this year, we will be evaluating – School Management**. If you have not completed the survey and returned it to school, I ask that you take a few minutes to do so. The more survey returns we receive, the more effective the data is for us to analyse, as it is representative of a greater proportion of the school population. The survey deadline has been extended until **next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. **If you require another copy of the survey, please visit the front office.**

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

### Office Hours & Uniform Sales

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



**The office will be open for uniform sales till Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and will reopen on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

New library bags are available for sale from the office for \$5.

### Book Club



Issue 8 book club orders have been distributed to students. Orders are due back to the office no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Library News

Library Stock take will commence Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Students with borrowed books please return these to the library as soon as possible.

### 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)

### School Holiday Camp Competition

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps.

Enter the competition:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

### Dinovember

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

## Student of the Week Award Recipients

- KA** - Lauren & Mitchell  
**KL** - Jozalyn & Phoenix  
**KS** - Kevin & Nour  
**K/1V** - Malakai & Rianon  
**1K** - Hamish & Ana  
**1MB** - Jasmin & Badeya  
**1S** - Zineta & Karlo  
**2B** - Taimata & Zoey  
**2N** - Zainab & Gabby  
**2S** - Angelina & Tanara  
**3R** - Ryan & Fotini  
**3SH** - Mohammed & Nura  
**3/4H** - Olivia & Ridha  
**4E** - Hamed & Ibrahim  
**4RM** - Diana & Maithri  
**4/5B** - Nelly & Ella  
**5/6J** - Joanne & Amro  
**5/6N** - O'Baida & Aaliya  
**5/6S** - TBA  
**5/6T** - Ali & Tasha



### Prestons Cricket Club

Prestons Cricket Club are in need of 2 to 3 boys or girls, aged 7-10 to play noncompetitive Saturday morning cricket. The registration fee is \$50 which includes a shirt and cap. Enquiries can be made by calling Dave on 0401654207.

# Classroom Chat with .....

## 2N

In 2N, we believe that art is an essential part of our learning. During art lessons, we work individually or with a partner to create masterpieces. Some of our finished works of art include frogs, caterpillars, butterflies and more recently - reminders (to begin the Christmas season). We like to consider ourselves quite creative as we use lots of basic supplies like crayons, coloured pencils, t-shirts, paint, coloured and scrap paper as well as craft accessories. We have had a very enjoyable term so far and know that it's only going to get better.



Our beautiful butterflies made from scrap paper.



We used pipe cleaners and coloured paper to create our colourful caterpillars.



Working together helps us create our very best works of art.

## 5/6T

WOW this year has flown past, I can't believe we are almost at the end.

Earlier this term, week 1 in fact, Stage 3 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Although, I didn't go, I have heard many fantastic reports about their time there.

5/6T have been involved in some pretty awesome events this semester. As you can see in the pictures below, many of our talented classmates were part of the Boys and Girls Prestons Soccer teams. Both these teams were grand final winners.

Yeah Prestons!



Prestons Boys Soccer team



5/6T a class of best friends!



Prestons Girls Soccer team

# You're invited

## SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY 2013 (YEARS 2-6)

The first Annual Sports Presentation will be held at Prestons Public School next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9). The ceremony will commence at 9:30am in the Hall.

Come and celebrate the sporting achievements of our students in 2013.

Our special guest at the assembly will be Mrs Sandra Morgan – Australia youngest Olympic Gold medalist (Melbourne 1956).

Hope to see you all there!



## PRESENTATION DAY 2013 (K – 6)

The 2013 School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9) in the School Hall.

The presentation ceremony will begin at 9:30am. Come and join us to celebrate the students' academic and creative achievements.

Hope to see you there!



Mayor Ned Mannoun and Councillors invite you to

Free Event!

Special Guest Santa

Carols & brass band

**Christmas Lights Up Liverpool**

Thursday 28 November 2013, 6.30pm

Get in the festive spirit and come along to the annual Christmas tree lighting in Macquarie Mall. There will be performances from the 100 Voices Liverpool Youth Choir, Kanjz Band with Christian Guerrero, Liverpool Brass Band as well as a special visit from Santa.

For more information, please visit [www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1300 36 2170.

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(business hours during school term)

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**Christmas Family Night** FREE

D.I.Y. Information Co. D.I.Y. Info

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – 8pm**

- Santa's Little Helper Kids Workshops
- Gift Wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.

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