



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### PRESENTATION DAY 2013 = EXCELLENT!!

Thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and special guests, who joined us for our Annual Presentation Assembly last Friday. What a wonderful occasion it was, to celebrate the academic and cultural achievements of our students. It was also a great time to recognise students who have applied consistent effort throughout the year, and those who have displayed admirable citizenship and leadership qualities. Congratulations to all the very worthy recipients! We also had the opportunity to welcome our new School Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. Congratulations to Ella, Vineet, Charlotte and Kaylob. I'm sure you will do a wonderful job!

### MUFTI DAY – TOMORROW

THIS FRIDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> December, the students at Prestons Public School will be holding a 'Mufti Day' to support the P&C Christmas Raffle. Students can wear mufti clothes, but instead of donating money, we invite families to donate 'Christmas Hamper' items to include in our raffle prize packs. The more donations we receive, the bigger and better the prizes in our raffle will be! (Please note: For student health and safety, please ensure that ALL students wear clothes that are appropriate for the weather and shoes must completely cover the feet – ie. No thongs or sandals.)

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

On Monday Night, the year 6 students celebrated their Primary School journey at the Year 6 Farewell. The night was extremely enjoyable and the speeches clearly indicated the thoughts and feeling the students and staff have regarding the time that we have spent together. Congratulations to Mrs Beavis and the Year 6 staff for organising such a memorable event! A big thank you to Mrs Micheli who did a wonderful job creating the Year 6 Farewell cake. The Year 6 Farewell circle will be held on Wednesday at 2:45pm – I invite you to join us as we farewell our Year 6 cohort!

### LOST CUFFLINK FOUND

A silver cufflink has been found in the school grounds. If this belongs to you, please come to the front office to collect it.

Mark Greentree – Principal

## 2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

13/12/2013

**Class Party & Reward Day**

13/12/13

**Student Progress Reports sent home**

16/12/2013

**Talent Quest**

17/12/2013

**Yr 6 Fun Day**

18/12/2013

**Last day for students**

28/1/2014

**Staff Return**

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

29/1/2014

**Students Yr 1-6 return**

30/1/2014

**Kindergarten start**

### SPECIAL NOTE:

**The last Principal Awards for 2014 will be handed out at Monday Morning Assembly.**

Please ensure that students who are eligible for this award have their merit awards handed in to the office BEFORE this assembly.

## School Information

### Assembly Information

**K-2** – There will be no assembly for the last week

### Upcoming Events

- **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  
**Students to depart school by 8.50am**

### Talent Quest

The talent quest will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am - 11am. Students who have been selected to perform need to bring their music and costumes on the day.

Parents are welcome to watch.

Any enquires please see Miss Jordan, Miss Tan or Mrs Claydon

### 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.**

### P&C Christmas Raffle

Students have been issued their raffle tickets. Tickets and money need to be returned to the office prior to the morning assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Extra tickets can be collected from the office.



### Reward Day - Mufti Day

As part of the end of year parties and to support the P&C Christmas Raffle, students are permitted to wear mufti clothes tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**It is requested that students bring a donation of a non-perishable food item which will be used by the P&C for their Christmas raffle hampers.**

**Please ensure your child wears closed toe shoes and their school hat.**

### Kik Messenger

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology\\_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+mesenger](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+mesenger)

Why cyber safety experts are concerned: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

### Teach Your Kids To Be Waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

### 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/>

## Student of the Week Award Recipients

<b>KA</b>	- Brooke & Cooper
<b>KL</b>	- Phoenix & Jasmin
<b>KS</b>	- Leila & Despina
<b>K/1V</b>	- TBA
<b>1K</b>	- Omar
<b>1MB</b>	- Fatima
<b>1S</b>	- Ayush & Raymond
<b>2B</b>	- Zoey & Shyna
<b>2N</b>	- Chace & Alyssa
<b>2S</b>	- Tanara & Shushant
<b>3R</b>	- Jessica & Yousef
<b>3SH</b>	- Nura & Andrea
<b>3/4H</b>	- Evan & Jonathan
<b>4E</b>	- Hannah & Ledisha
<b>4RM</b>	- Ahmad & Angela
<b>4/5B</b>	- Retty & Aya
<b>5/6J</b>	- Mohammed & Liana
<b>5/6N</b>	- Aiden & Jessica
<b>5/6S</b>	- Lakota & Kira
<b>5/6T</b>	- Hadey & Bronte

### Ready For High School

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

# Classroom Chat with .....

## KS

It has been a very busy and productive term for KS. They have been involved in lots of different things. KS enjoyed the bus ride to the cinemas and had fun watching the movie.



On the Presentation Day, KS behaved very well during the assembly. They all seem to be ready for Year 1 in 2014.

In the classroom KS have been working very hard. This term they have been learning to write information reports and have produced great reports with topic headings.

KS took pleasure in making the Christmas tree using their handprints and decorating it with colourful paper ornaments.



As a concluding lesson for the Science Unit: *Kids Care*, KS used recyclable materials to make a robot, a farm animal or a farm machine of their choice. After completion of their item, they reported to the class about the things they used to make it.



## 3/4H

That's it! That's the school year pretty much done and dusted. What a fantastic class 3/4H is! We have had so much fun and achieved so much with our learning, behaviour and our creativity.

Highlights of the year were, Mr Soccer, excursions, Disney performance, gymnastics, PSSA, Jolly Bops Science Show, Multicultural/International Day, Science Fun Day, Swim Scheme, Movie Night, Disco, Sports Carnivals, and there's probably more that we've forgotten about!

I'm very proud to say that we have accomplished so much this year. We have been a great team and it's going to be sad to pass the students of 3/4H onto a higher level of learning and to another teacher for next year.

Our last excursion was awesome! We had the best time on the boat learning all about Sydney. We went for an exclusive visit to Shark Island and had a walk around.

Gymnastics was brilliant and the class had some fun bouncing, swinging and rolling around, exploring different ways to move and use space with energy.

Probably the most impressive thing that we accomplished this year was our use and creativity of our Product Packaging assignments. They were so amazing that we displayed these and visited each other's classrooms to see what creative things others had done.

Our participation in PSSA was great. The students learnt some new skills like Rugby League, Netball and cricket. Our class often went outside and had a game or two to help develop these skills. I was very impressed at how good all of class was. The girls in our class were especially good at cricket in the end!

