



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

INTERNATIONAL DAY AT PPS - WOW!!

Aside from the weather, what a great day yesterday turned out to be!

The Prestons Public School community celebrated our multicultural diversity in spectacular form at our Bi-annual International Day. The festivities commenced with a flag ceremony, showcasing the many nations that our students come from and was followed by a wonderful Islander performance by students from Casula High School. Students returned to their classrooms for a 'tour' of the different countries that each class studied, then sampled some AMAZING foods as part of our international FEAST!!

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who generously contributed food dishes for our international feast. Also to the families that came up to the school to celebrate this special event (despite the weather!)

On behalf of our school and community, I would also like to extend a BIG thank you to the staff and students from Casula High School, who not only performed wonderfully for our students, but also assisted with serving the students during the international feast! Your school should be VERY PROUD to have such wonderful ambassadors!

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Accompanying today's newsletter is a note regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews for 2013. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 26th June, commencing at 3:10pm. Parent / Teacher Interviews are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, and gain further insight into their learning. It is also an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to your child that you value their education and build a stronger link with the teacher and the school. As in previous years, interviews will be given in 10 minute timeslots and issued to families in the priority of when we receive the return slips. If you are unable to attend an interview on this occasion, interviews can be organised at another mutually convenient time by contacting the School Office on 9602 7435.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - Reminder

A note was sent home last week regarding the School Swimming Scheme. If your child is in Years 2-6 and has not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and is unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, I encourage you to enroll your child in this important program. Places are filling fast!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

17/6/2013
ICAS Writing Test

18/6/2013
ICAS Spelling Test

18/6/2013
GWS Giants Visit

24/6/2013
Reports Home

26/6/2013
Parent/Teacher Interviews

28/6/2013
Last Day of Term 2

Sport Highlights

PSSA Venues for Friday 14th June

Girls Soccer
Bye

Boys Soccer
Ash Road

Rugby League
Hillier

Netball
Woodward Park, Liverpool

Games commence at approximately 12.30pm

School Information

School Leader Photos

Order envelopes are available from the office for those parents who wish to purchase a copy of the School Leader photos. Photos cost **\$12** each and orders must be received no later than **Friday 14th June 2013**.

The photos available are: School Captains, House Captains, SRC, PALS Leader and Library Monitors.

Photos are displayed in the noticeboard near the canteen.

Book Club

Issue 4 has been distributed to students. Orders are due back to the office by 14th of June.

P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be opened again in Term 3. The dates will be in future newsletters.

Congratulations Prestons PS

Thank you to all the students who made donations towards the Junior Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). Our mufti day and merchandise sales raised a total of **\$775.00** dollars. Well done on supporting such a wonderful charity.



What Makes A Good Book?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Figures of Speech

How do you explain the difference between metaphors, similes and other literary devices? Is "pigs might fly" an example of an oxymoron, sarcasm, hyperbole....or something else? Here's a cheat sheet for when your kids need help with English homework.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4090.pdf>

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every **Tuesday** commencing at **2.15pm**

3-6 – **Thursday** WK 8 commencing at **2.15pm**

Upcoming Excursions

Swim Scheme

29th July – 2nd August

Swimming Scheme

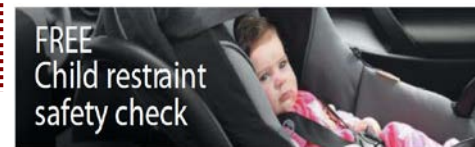
Notes for swimming scheme were sent home with students last week. If your child is interested in attending this program please hand your permission note and money to the office as soon as possible, as there are limited positions available. The scheme commences on Monday 29th July through to Friday 2nd August at the Whitlam Leisure Centre in Liverpool. The cost is \$51.00. Notes are available from the office.

A Hearty Lunch

Add these easy-to-cook chicken drumsticks to your child's lunchbox for a more substantial winter meal. According to Dr Joanna McMillan, School A to Z nutrition expert, the glaze adds a lot of energy.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/meat-and-fish-dishes/glazed-chicken-drumsticks>



FREE
Child restraint
safety check

DATE: Friday 26 July 2013
TIME: 10:30 am to 1:30pm
LOCATION: Liverpool City Council
Northern Wing
1 Hoxton Park Rd
Liverpool 2170
Bookings for all restraint checks are essential

You can have your child car restraints, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit. Children's car restraints will be inspected by RMS Authorised Restraint Fitters.

For more information contact the Council's Road Safety Officer on 9821 8838. Bookings can be made from 26 June.



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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OUR
GOAL!!!



**\$1,310 = 41
Families**

Classroom Chat with

5/6T

Wow, this term we have been kept busy with the many amazing events that have taken place. One event we look forward to each week is Mr Soccer. Here we get to show case our talents against 5/6J and we have an absolute ball doing so. Other events we proudly participated in were the athletics carnival, cross country and zone cross country. The gifted runners in 5/6T to represent our school at the zone cross country were: Vivek, Samantha, Ali, Moira, Bronte and Angel.

This term for HSIE we have been learning about Singapore. Along the way we have discovered so much about this tiny Asian country, which was colonised by the British up until recently. Learning about Singaporean celebrations has provided us with a great opportunity to decorate our classroom with some marvellous works of art. Take a look at our dazzling works of art that symbolise 'Chinese New Year'; a celebration enjoyed by more than 80 per cent of the Singaporean population.



2N

Reptile fun with 2N

2N have recently participated in numerous events that have given them opportunities to demonstrate and extend their knowledge and skills using topics that interest them. They particularly enjoyed the Snake Tales show that taught them many interesting facts about native turtles, lizards and snakes.



2N's enthusiasm for these animals was then integrated into reading and writing lessons in the classroom. Mrs Nieves brought in her pet Bearded-Necked Dragon Lizard as a stimulus for students to write a description about the species using knowledge acquired from the show. 2N combined facts to plan for, and jointly construct an information report.

Bearded-Necked Dragon Lizards

Bearded-Necked Dragon Lizards are reptiles.

This means they have cold blood and need sun to keep warm. Bearded-Necked Dragon

Lizards have long, sharp claws and strong muscular legs to help them climb trees.

They can run as fast as a man!

These lizards have brown and yellow, prickly skin that camouflage against leaves and bark so they can hide from predators.

Bearded-Necked Dragon Lizards are omnivores. They eat meat and plants such as crickets, dandelions and vegetables.

These quiet, calm lizards can live up to twenty years. Compiled by 2N

Mrs Nieves assures parents and families that no reptiles will be brought in for persuasive texts!

YR 2 Bike Excursion

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on an excursion. We went to a bike centre in Campbelltown. We had to catch a bus from school at 9:15 am.

First we ate Crunch & Sip, got our name tags and met the ladies who were helping us around. Some of us were in Group One and others in Group Two.

Next we all went into the room and watched a movie about why we wear helmets.

Then Group One got their helmets fitted by Kerry so that we could ride the bikes. We all got a license and we were told not to break the rules or we would get a point taken off our licenses by our teachers or the ladies at the bike track. After that, we rode the bikes while Group Two were being pedestrians. After a short time, we switched over and Group One were the pedestrians and Group Two got to ride the bikes.

It was way past our lunchtime and we were very hungry so we stopped and had lunch. After lunch, Group One rode their bikes again and this time when we broke the road rules we had two points taken off our license. While Group One were riding, Group Two learnt about the ABCs of bike maintenance. They learnt that A was for Air, B was for Brakes and C was for Chains. Then we switched again. After that we got back on the bus, came back to school and got certificates for taking part in the day. While we were getting our certificates we looked at the photos of the day.

We all agreed that it was a fun and awesome day.

By 2B

