



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Education Week is EVERY week at Prestons Public School!

Education Week is a special week in the Public Education calendar, where we celebrate and showcase the wonderful things that are happening in Public Schools across our great state. At Prestons PS, it is a great opportunity for the teachers and students to proudly show what a great school we have, and the outstanding effort and achievements that occur on a daily basis within our school grounds. To us, Education Week is just another opportunity to celebrate the 'value added' education that is provided at Prestons PS and the fantastic commitment to learning that is shared by the staff and students at this great school. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to share with a number of parents, a sample of the wonderful teaching and learning that occurs here on a daily basis, as we observed the staff and students engage in some 'hands on learning'. As I have stated before, the staff work tirelessly to ensure that every student has access to outstanding educational opportunities and yesterday's efforts were a fine example of this claim. Over the next several weeks of this term further opportunities to showcase our exceptional school will arise and I encourage all members of our community, to take a moment to visit our great school and see what 'everyone has been talking about'!

STUDENT ENROLMENTS – 2014

As part of our annual planning process, we need to ascertain the number of children who will be enrolling at Prestons PS in 2014.

Enrolment numbers need to include **all students from Kindergarten to Year 5** who are presently enrolled and will be returning next year, and all new enrolments for 2014.

To assist us with this task, please complete the table on page 2 of this newsletter and return it to the front office, by next Friday 9th August (Week 4).

If your child will not be returning to Prestons PS next year, it is requested that you notify the office in writing. Please include the name of the new school that they will be transferring to.

If you are aware of any families who wish to enrol their children at Prestons PS next year, please get them to contact the school on 9602 7435.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

2/8/2013
Jolly Bops Science
show

13/8/2013
ICAS - Math
Competition

13/8/2013
P&C Meeting 6pm

26/8/2013
Performance Tickets
distributed to parents

28/8/2013
Disney Through The
Ages performances
9.15am & 12.15am

Sport Highlights

PSSA Sport Venues for
Friday 2nd August

Netball
Woodward Park, Liverpool

Girls/Boys Soccer
South Park, Chipping Norton

Rugby League
Woodward Park, Liverpool

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.

Book Club

Issue 5 has been distributed.
Orders are due back on Friday 2nd August.



Kindergarten 2014

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 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.



When To Start School

Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school>

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS



Disney Through The Ages

Ticket order notes have been distributed to students today.



Tickets are **\$5 each** and will be on sale for two sessions only, a morning session, commencing at 9.15am, and a Midday session, commencing at 12.15pm.

Tickets are **limited to 4 tickets per family**.

Please return the ticket order form with your payment to the office no later than Friday 23rd August.
Tickets will be distributed to families on Monday the 26th August.

Student Medical Forms

New medical forms were sent home at the beginning of this term for students where a medical condition had been listed when first enrolling.

Thank you to all the parents who have already returned these forms with the requested information.



It is important that all forms be returned to the office as soon as you can so that we are able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please contact the office.

K-2

To assist in the event of toileting accidents it would be appreciated if parents could keep a change of clothing, including socks and underwear, in your child's bag. This will help to ensure your child is changed quickly as changes of clothing are not always available from the office.

I Have Fun With Faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>

Homework and Assignments

Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child's home project activities.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

2014 Enrolments

Please complete the table below and return it to the Front office **by Friday 9th August (Week 4)**.

Student Name	2014 Grade

Learn Music on Keyboard at Prestons Public School

- * Music theory * Instrument playing
- * Fun music games * Competitive rate
- * Convenient at-school venue
- * Instrument not required initially

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(VIP Music est. 1984)

www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

Classroom Chat with

1S

Dancing, singing, gymnastics, public speaking and iPads. 1S has had a busy start to Term 3.

1S are continuing to practise for our 'The Aristocats' dance performance as part of the Disney Through the Ages Creative Arts showcase. I have been impressed with how all students are learning their speaking parts and dance routines while showing great cooperation skills with their peers.

Stage 1 are lucky enough to be using the iPads this term. 1S has really enjoyed learning how to use the iPads as an educational tool. iPads will be used throughout this term in the subject areas of HSIE and maths and I am looking forward to seeing how students engage with this educational device and the work they will produce.

1S loved participating in the gymnastics program that started last week. It was great to see the students take part in a variety of different activities that will develop their strength, flexibility and coordination.

Keep working hard at school and at home 1S, I can't wait to see the wonderful things you will produce this term.

Miss Schroeder



4/5B What's going on in our classroom

LITERACY

This term in Literacy Groups we are focusing on imaginative texts that link in with our Science Unit on the Solar System. The students have thoroughly enjoyed using the Pixar short films to inspire their writing.

Students have also worked with the iPads to report on what they have learnt each week. Check out the website to view some of the episodes of Prestons Tube!

HSIE

4/5B members worked with the iPads on their country of study, Egypt. Students used the app iTunes U to find the tasks they needed to complete. Some of their favourite pieces of work were making Egyptian music on Garage Band, making a quiz using Choice Creator and recording information on Popplet and Explain Everything.

OPEN DAY

Yesterday we opened the classroom doors and invited our friends and family in for science experiments. We were amazed when we mixed food colouring and detergent with full cream milk. Take a look at what happened.....

Try to research why this happened or ask a member from 4/5B to explain it to you.

GENIUS HOUR

4/5B have just started GENIUS HOUR! This time allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time. The search-engine giant, Google, allows its engineers to spend 20% of their time to work on any pet project that they want. The idea is very simple, allow people to work on something that interests them, and productivity will go up. Google's policy has worked so well that it has been said that 50% of Google's projects have been created during this creative time. 4/5B are in the process of creating a recipe book of rainbow food, a dance video, a computer game for blind children, an inspirational website for children with cancer and MANY MORE! Look out Google!! We definitely have some TALENT and CREATIVITY in our class!



Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 96027435.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kindergartens' Teddy Bear Fun Day

To celebrate Education Week, Kindergarten invited parents and families to our Teddy Bear Fun Day. The fun began with Teddy Bear Math games where students showed off their number and addition skills. At our picnic, we sang, danced and paraded our teddies. There were lots of smiles and applause as we each received our '100 Days at School' certificates. We were so excited to see so many of our families at our Teddy Bear Fun Day!

