



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – TICKETS ON SALE

There has been a fairly poor response to the purchase of tickets for our “Disney Through the Ages Production”. As with most programs at Prestons PS, families tend to **pay at the last minute**. If you have not purchased tickets yet, I advise you to do so soon, as the hall is limited in its capacity, and once the tickets are sold, no more space will be available. Don't make the mistake of leaving it till the last day - because they might all be sold out! I have seen the rehearsal, and it looks like it is going to be a GREAT show!

P&C NEWS

It was a shame to see only a few people at last Tuesday's P&C meeting, but once again I marveled at the amount of work and commitment shown by these few parents, to support the education of our 470+ students. Over the last couple of Years, the P&C have been instrumental in raising funds to purchase things such as sports shirts, blazers, reading books, playground equipment, line marking ...and the list goes on. Not only have they raised funds, but they have also generously donated their time to operate stalls, organise raffles, assist with maintaining school grounds etc. On behalf of ALL the Prestons PS community, I would like to thank our dedicated P&C committee for their generosity and commitment. If we had more parents like them – our school would be AWESOME!!!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS - SCHOOL HATS - Reminder

As mentioned last week, the school is currently promoting the wearing of full school uniform, in particular school hats. The school hats provide better sun protection for the students and certainly raise the image of our school as a whole. Commencing next week, only school hats are to be worn in the playground. If you require financial assistance to purchase a hat, please contact the office.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

16/8/2013
Stage 3 Spelling Bee
Final - 9am in Hall

22/8/2013
Zone Athletics Carnival

26/8/2013
Performance Tickets
distributed to parents

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

29/8/2013
P&C Father's Day Stall

Sport Highlights

PSSA Sport Venues for Friday 16th August

Netball

Woodward Park, Liverpool

Girls/Boys Soccer

Ireland Park, Liverpool

Boys – Oval 1

Girls – Oval 2

Rugby League

Woodward Park, Liverpool

**All outstanding winter
PSSA sport fees are
now due.**

School Information

Assembly Information

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

There will be no K-2 assembly Week 7, 28th August due to Disney performance.

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.



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 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>



Special Group Photos

Students who ordered special group photos, School Captains, SRC, Library Monitors, PALS Leaders and Sport Captains may collect these from the office.

When Lunch Comes Home ...Again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. [Find out more:](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain)

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Disney Through The Ages

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**. Payments are due to the office no later than Friday 23rd August.

Student Costume Reminder

All students have received a costume note regarding what they need to wear for the whole school Disney performance. Parents are reminded that all costumes must be bought in and left in the classrooms on Monday 19th August for our full dress rehearsal that week. These costumes will remain at school until the afternoon of the official performance.

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.

Head Lice Alert

As will often occur in schools, a few cases of head lice have been reported recently. To prevent this from becoming a larger issue, we ask that you check your child's/children's hair for lice and/or eggs and treat accordingly with an appropriate lice treatment. If you do happen to find evidence of head lice, it is also advised to wash your child's bed linen and hats to prevent further reoccurrence. More information can be found on the NSW Health website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>.

Eight Ways To Build Your Child's Writing Skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>

Benefits Of Team Sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

Premier's Reading Challenge

2 weeks until the end of the 2013 Premiers Reading Challenge!

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on the 23rd of August, 2013. Well done to the 220 students who have already completed the challenge. We have a number of students who are very close to completing their challenge so to those students I say "Keep reading!"



The instructions for recording the books on the website are as follows:

1. Log on to the internet, any browser will do.
2. In Google type DET Portal. Go to 'my portal login page'.
3. Type in user name. *Usually first name – full stop – last name. Eg john.smith.* Some students may have a number at the end but the students generally know if they do.
4. Type in password
5. Go to Premier's Reading Challenge.
6. Students can record the books they have read.

Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Patton are available to help any student who is having problems adding their books online.

Classroom Chat with

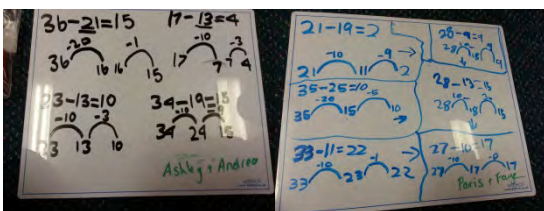
2B



2B came back to a changed classroom layout this term and have really enjoyed having a reading room complete with pillows and lots of interesting books.

We have also been practising very hard to get ready for our performance of Mary Poppins, learning new dance routines and singing songs from the movie.

In our TEN maths groups, 2B are showing great understanding of mathematical language and can describe how they can use the split or jump strategies to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication questions.



This term for writing we have been developing our skills in imaginative writing. Students have really shown strengths in describing the setting of a story and using Sock Puppets on the iPad to make our own movie.

We are also using great persuasive language to give our opinion.

Soccer is the best sport because you get to play as a team – Nate

5/6J

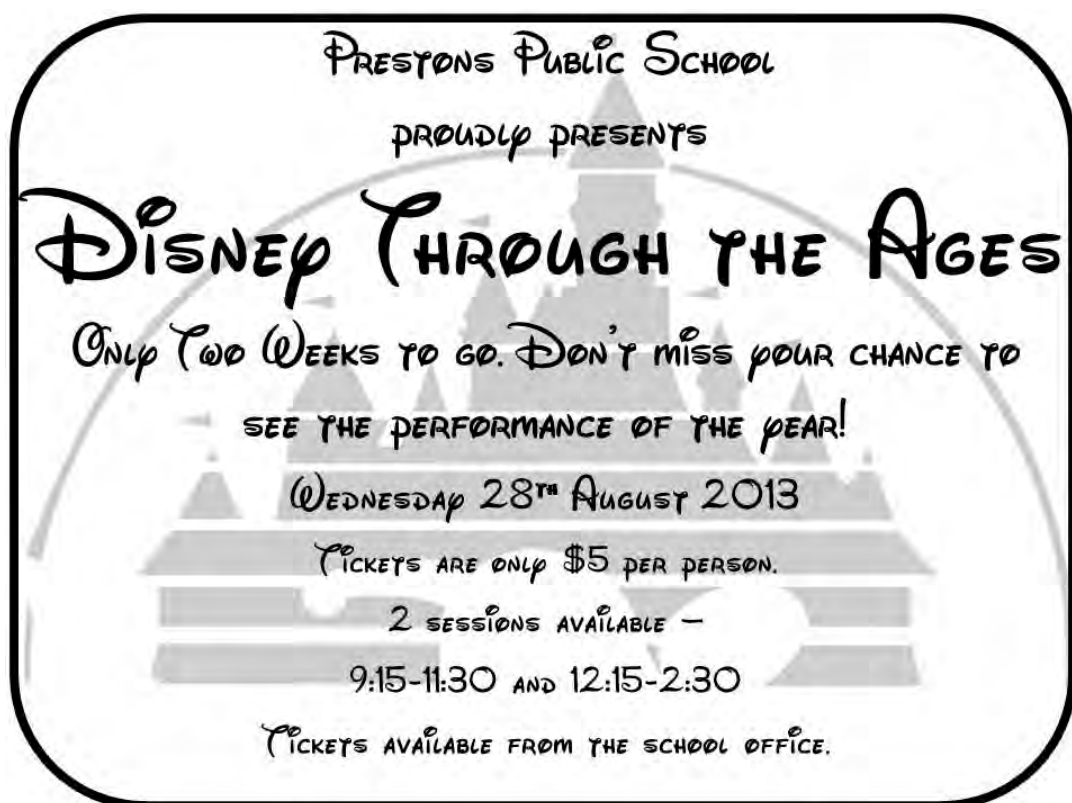
We have had a very busy term already in 5/6J. We have been working hard on our CAPA performance item that is coming up in week 7. If parents would like to come and watch 'Disney through the Ages' tickets can purchased through the front office for \$5 each.

Congratulations to all the students in 5/6J who have participated in the Premiers Reading Challenge. All their hours of reading have paid off and these students have already or nearly finished reading their 20 book challenge.

In mathematics this week 5/6J has been focusing on multiplication. As a part of our new math program TOWN we have been working on developing strategies for our multiplication and place value concepts. The fun activities are helping our understanding of mental computation in a variety of ways. Our groups have been working very hard and all students should be congratulated for their efforts.

Lots of our students in 5/6J have been participating in many extra-curricular sport activities over the last few weeks, from P.S.A sport on a Friday, to the Backyard Rugby League Gala day and today at the Milo Cricket Cup. Keep up the good work!





School Zone Penalties Effective 1 July 2013

* The values are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

Offence	Minimum Fine	Minimum Demerit Points
Stop on or near:		
• A pedestrian crossing	\$405	2
• A children's crossing	\$405	2
• Any marked foot crossing	\$405	2
Double park	\$304	2
Park on a footpath or stop across a	\$169	2
Make an illegal U-turn	\$304	3
Exceed 40km/h in a school zone in a light vehicle:		
• 10 km/h and under	\$177	2
• Over 10 km/h	\$319	4
• Over 20 km/h	\$531	5
• Over 30 km/h	\$1,028	6
• Over 45 km/hr	\$2,341	7
Use a mobile phone while driving	\$405	4
Fail to give way to a pedestrian	\$506	4
Reverse unsafely	\$236	3
Park within 3 metres of double barrier	\$236	0



The minimum penalty for parking in a 'Bus Zone' is \$304 and 2 demerit points.

You can not stop here at all.



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Parking' is \$169 and 2 demerit points. You may only stop here for 2 minutes and stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Stopping' is \$304 and 2 demerit points. You can not stop here at all. **Parking on nature strips is also illegal.**