



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

WHAT A SHOW!!

The reviews are in – and “Disney Through the Ages” was a HIT!!

The students and staff really ‘stepped it up’ this year, and produced a show that demonstrated our talent and commitment to excellence. The positive responses and comments that members of the audience passed onto me after the show, came only second to the looks of pride and enjoyment seen on the faces of our talented and enthusiastic performers.

It was also great to see such FANTASTIC support for our Biannual Showcase, and with both shows getting sold out, it was a pity that we couldn’t accommodate more people to watch these great shows. Fortunately, a DVD of the performances will soon be available with additional ‘behind the scenes’ extras to watch in the comfort of your own home – or share with the relatives! Details of when this DVD will be available, will be published in future editions of the newsletter – so stay tuned!

On behalf of all the school, I would like to congratulate all the students and staff (particularly the hardworking organising committee), and the parents/families who assisted in making costumes etc. on a job well done!!

These are things that make Prestons Public School such a GREAT SCHOOL!

SCHOOL HATS – We’re making progress!!

A couple of weeks ago, I called for families to assist in promoting the wear of our school uniform – with a specific focus on our school hats. Aside from the sun protection factor, the wearing of school hats (as part of our uniform) has a positive impact on our school culture and showcases our school in a positive light within the broader community. As a result of your encouragement, there has been a marked increase in the number of students wearing the school uniform and school hat. Thank you to all the families that have supported this process. We still have room to improve – but we’re heading in the right direction!

CARPARK SAFETY

In the interest of student safety, please ensure that you do not park or turn around in the school carpark or driveway. This area needs to be kept clear at all times for emergency access. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

5/9/2013
Maths Challenge Cup – Stage 3

5/9/2013
Debate – Prestons V Hammondville PS

7/9/2013
Election Sausage Sizzle

10/9/2013
LAAFF Performance
7pm Liverpool Catholic Club

17/9/2013
P&C Meeting 6pm

18/9/2013
Regional Spelling Bee

20/9/2013
Last Day Term 3

8/10/2013
First Day Term 4

8-9/10/2013
Stage 3 Camp

Sport Highlights

PSSA Sport Venues for Friday 30th August

Girls/Boys Soccer
Hammondville – Boys Snr Final

Ireland Park – Jnr & Snr Girls Final

All other PSSA students will remain at school.

All outstanding winter PSSA sport fees are now due.

School Information

Assembly Information

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

3-6 – Every **2nd Thursday- Even Weeks** commencing at **2.15pm**



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.

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.

Update Of Contact Information

At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.

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>).

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.

Uniform Sales

Uniform items are available for purchase from the administration office Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 3.15pm.



YR 6 Election Sausage Sizzle

To make full use of this wonderful opportunity to raise money from the broader community, the school will be hosting a sausage sizzle. **Events such as these provide valuable funds for our school and students.**

The Year 6 students and their teachers will be using this as a fundraising activity. If you are a parent or carer of a Year 6 student, and are able to assist on the day, Saturday 7th September, please contact the school.

Staying Private On Facebook

Do you know how to untag photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this and share with your kids.

Find out more:

<http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/consumer-security/how-to-stay-private-on-facebook-20130730-2qvn1.html>

Reading To Your Child In Your Home Language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-k-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>



Zone Athletics Carnival 2013

Last Thursday 22nd August, 28 students from years 2-6 represented Prestons at the annual Zone Athletics Carnival held at the Crest in Bass Hill.

Our students competed in all field and track events and represented Prestons proudly.

We had many of our students placing first in their track heats and one student making it to the 100m final.

Congratulations to Corey who placed 5th overall in the 12 years boys' shot put final.

Final results will be posted by the Zone Carnival coordinators shortly and students will be notified of their fabulous results.

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day, you made Prestons proud!

Miss Brown

2013 CAPA Performance

After more than a term of hard work and preparation, our students performed two sell out performances of our production 'Disney through the Ages'.

Parents and friends gave great reviews of the students' performances some saying 'It was the best one they have seen in a long time'.

Big congratulations to Miss Siddons who has worked tirelessly along with her team to produce a fabulous display of student talent.

Well done to all classes and their teachers for a great day.

Miss Brown

Classroom Chat with

KA

KA have had a wonderful time practising for our 'The Little Mermaid' dance performance as part of the 'Disney Through the Ages' - Creative Arts showcase. The students have done a fabulous job with the routine and they are looking amazing in their sparkly costumes. I am certain that the show will be a huge hit!

In our TEN maths groups, KA are learning to use effective strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. They have been working very hard and it is definitely reflecting in their learning. Keep up the great work KA! I am so proud of your achievements so far.

KA have also loved participating in the gymnastics program this term and are quite enthusiastic in showing off their new skills in coordination and flexibility. Here are some photos of KA having fun with gymnastics!



3SH

Everyone in 3SH has been working really hard on our concert performance. We have been very excited about dressing up in our costumes, singing our songs from Toy Story as well as dancing and marching. It was wonderful to have all of our parents and caregivers come to watch our school concert.

Another exciting activity this term has been the gymnastics program. As you can see from the photos we are having lots and lots of fun – hanging upside down on the rings, jumping on the mini trampoline, landing in the motorbike stance or balancing on the beams.

Term 3 has been really busy so far but we all agree that it has also been a lot of fun.



2013 Premiers Spelling Bee

Please congratulate all the class representatives who competed in Week 5 to see who would be our Regional Representatives. We are all proud of your efforts. Well done!

Stage 2– Class Finalists

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| 1. Indiana | 3R |
| 2. Siddharth | 3R |
| 3. Shania | 3SH |
| 4. Andrea | 3SH |
| 5. Danny | 4E |
| 6. Abby | 4E |
| 7. Joshnald | 4/5B |
| 8. Swara | 4/5B |
| 9. Izabella | 3/4H |
| 10. Tanaya | 3/4H |
| 11. Titiana | 4RM |
| 12. Nicole | 4RM |

Stage 3 – Class Finalists

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| 1. Ella | 4/5B |
| 2. Kyanna | 4/5B |
| 3. Kevin | 5/6N |
| 4. Derek | 5/6N |
| 5. Sanjali | 5/6S |
| 6. Hamish | 5/6S |
| 7. Thien | 5/6T |
| 8. Stephanie | 5/6T |
| 9. Habibullah | 5/6J |
| 10. Dylan | 5/6J |

Stage 2 Regional Spelling Bee representatives

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| 1. Joshnald | 4/5B |
| 2. Swara | 4/5B |

Stage 3 Regional Spelling Bee representatives

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| 1. Kevin | 5/6N |
| 2. Ella | 4/5B |

The Regional Spelling Bee will be held here at Prestons Public School on Wednesday 18th September (Week 10). Good Luck to Joshnald, Swara, Kevin and Ella!

Mrs Kingston

