



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

WHAT A TERM!!

So here we are again – at the end of the term and looking forward to the holidays! There has been so much happening this term at Prestons Public School, that it is not surprising that the students and staff are looking forward to enjoying some quality rest and relaxation time with family and friends.

For those keeping score at home, here are some of the big things that have happened at Prestons PS over the last 10 weeks:

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| * Fitchschool Gymnastics Program | * <i>It's Academic</i> Filming (Stage 3) |
| * Active After School Sport Program | * EDUCATION WEEK |
| * Jollybops Science Show | * Science Open Day |
| * Kurrajong Cup Gala Day | * MILO Cup Cricket Gala Day |
| * ICAS English and Maths Competitions | * Swimming Scheme |
| * Liverpool Zone Athletic Carnival | * TOWN and TEN teacher training |
| * DISNEY THROUGH THE AGES – WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE | * LAaFF Festival |
| * Debating Competition | * Maths Cup challenge (Stage 3) |
| * Federal Election BBQ | * Fruit and Veg Week |
| * Regional Spelling Final | |

These are just the MAJOR things that have happened this term! I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to a well earned rest, to recharge the batteries and prepare for the challenges of Term 4. On behalf of the staff at Prestons Public School, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to our wonderful school, and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to seeing you all next term! **First day for Term 4 is TUESDAY 8th October.**

2014 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

The 2014 Kindergarten transition program will commence in week 2 next term (Monday 14th Oct & Wednesday 16th Oct). If your child is starting school next year, this program would be HIGHLY beneficial! More details can be obtained from our website, or by contacting our front office. Spaces are filling up fast – so don't delay in booking a place.

Mark Greentree
Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

20/9/2013
Last Day Term 3

8/10/2013
First Day Term 4

8-9/10/2013
Stage 3 Camp

23/10/2013
Stage 2 Excursion - Lessons Afloat

Sport Highlights

All outstanding winter PSSA sport fees are due.

Summer PSSA Cricket will recommence Term 4, Week 1.

School Information

Assembly Information

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

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



Kindergarten 2014

We are now taking Kinder enrolments for 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.

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.

Our Trip to Casula High School

On Wednesday, students in year 2 and year 3 were invited to Casula High School to have a picnic as part of a celebration for completing two terms of a reading and writing project with high school students in years 7-9.

We explored Casula High School with our buddies around the school. We saw lambs, sheep and geese. We liked the lamb Nelson the best.

We had lots of fun eating with our buddies.

After a while we all played musical statues. Some of the high school boys tried to cheat but we didn't let them. Then we all had a group photo and had to leave with a bye.

By Ashley, Paris, Andrea and Laiba

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Students are to arrive at school by 6.30am for a prompt departure at 6.45am on Tuesday 8th October 2013.

Please check the school website for the "What to Bring" note and the school facebook page for any updates.

P & C News

The P&C have been very busy this term (as usual) working behind the scenes to help our great school provide an **EVEN BETTER educational experience for ALL our students**. With just a FEW dedicated parents, we have managed to achieve some great things, but we could achieve SO MUCH MORE if we had a little more help.

The P&C is NOT JUST ABOUT FUNDRAISING. We also provide input into school programs, school improvement and school management issues. **We are the VOICE of the parent community**, and we work effectively in partnership with the Principal and executive team to make **Prestons Public School the fantastic school that it is**. I warmly invite all parents, carers and community members to come along to one of our meetings and just listen to what we discuss. Your input is always greatly appreciated – and I'm sure we can achieve even greater things when more of our community is involved.

Fathers Day Stall

We hope that all the Fathers had a great day and got pampered on their special day. Many thanks to the parent helpers and especially our 3 student helpers: Charlie, Ella and Bronte who worked tirelessly all day at our fathers day stall. We raised over \$1000 to go towards school related items. (Come along to our meetings to have input on where we spend our money)

P&C Meeting Update

Some of the topics that we discussed at our last meeting were the Fathers day stall, Federal election BBQ, big screen family movie night, Teachers' Professional Development, 2014 school photos and the new school fence. As you can see, we don't just talk about fundraising. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday October 15th starting at 6pm in the staffroom**.

We would like to wish you all a safe and fun school holiday period and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Raymond Rosch - P&C President

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KA	- Kristian
KL	- Zara
KS	- Nour
K/1V	- Malaika
1K	- Andrew
1MB	- Steven
1S	- Fatma
2B	- Paris
2N	- Ali
2S	- Angelina
3SH	- Andrea & Shania
3R	- Aiden & Tamara
3/4H	- Manda & Neetu
4E	- Ayaat & Hannah
4RM	- Titania & Krishneel
4/5B	- Lisa & Alana
5/6J	- Maryam & Katrina
5/6N	- Emma & Bernard
5/6S	- Izzet & Kush
5/6T	- Vivek & Ahlam

Getting Off The Lounge

It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You'll find the benefits aren't just health-related .

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/welbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better>

Kids' Holiday Camps

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.

Find out more:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701>

Classroom Chat with

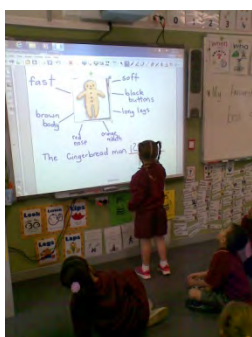
KS

KS had a very busy term practising for the whole school production, gymnastics and working hard in class.

For our Speaking and Listening, we worked with Mrs Naicker, participating in lots of exciting activities.



This term we have been learning to write informative texts such as descriptions and procedures. Mrs Naicker helped us with our writing.



3/4H

What an amazing term and how good was our performance? I think ours was the best!

A HUGE thank you to Natalie's Dad who let us use that amazing car as a stage prop!



Thank you to all of you that had a hand in organising your child to look so good and be so organised beforehand with costumes. It's great to have that support where students are so organised, it makes our job so much easier and so much less stressful!

Participating in gymnastics was a great learning experience for 3/4H. The students all had smiles on their faces when completing the range of activities which were provided by the gym team.



Next term is going to be awesome! We have a brilliant excursion coming up in week three where we will get to have actual lessons on a boat in the middle of Darling Harbour! Look in your child's bag for the permission note!

Could I please take this opportunity to remind you that your child will need extra resources for their learning? If you could ask them over the holidays what they need in terms of pencils, rulers, glue stick etc. it will make things much easier in the classroom in Term 4, meaning that we won't have kids walking around the room looking for things to borrow during important learning times.



Kindergarten Transition Program

OPTION 1

Monday Program
9:30am-10:45am

1. 14th October
2. 21st October
3. 28th October



OPTION 2

Wednesday Program
9:30am-10:45am

1. 16th October
2. 23rd October
3. 30th October



Getting Ready for Big School

Kindergarten Transition Program is a FREE program offered to all preschool students starting Kindergarten in 2014. For further information or to book a place in this valuable program, please contact the school on 9602 7435.

DEDICATED STAFF - SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - EXCELLENT EDUCATION

learning links

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP IN THE LIVERPOOL LGA

UNDERSTANDING BULLYING

Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

About Learning Links: Learning Links is a non-profit children's charity that has been providing services to children and their families since 1972. We specialise in family counselling and parenting support which help parents deal with a range of issues including: children's behaviour, making decisions about services a child and family would like to receive, family therapy and transitioning support from early intervention services to school. We are leaders in our field with all of our services focussing on helping children realise their individual potential.

Date: Thursday 31 October, 2013
Time: 9.00am – 12.00noon
Venue: Green Valley Public School
Green Valley Rd, Green Valley NSW 2168
Cost: FREE*
Suitable for: Parents and carers ONLY

Bookings essential call Dana on (02) 8568 8200

* Proudly supported by Liverpool Catholic Club.

www.learninglinks.org.au • (02) 8568 8200 • Head Office: 10 Railway Parade, Penrith NSW 2150



School Banking Update

Redeem your tokens for a money box this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for.

Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmite money boxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their money box, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their money box this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn't miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite money boxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each money box for the required 10 tokens.

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