



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

NATIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK FOR SAS Staff

School Administration and Support (SAS) staff are the people who do the vital 'behind the scenes' work in school across our state. In our school, this work is done by: Our Office Staff - Kylie Margetts, Sharon Gwynne and Jane Jessop; Our General Assistants – Eric Curry and Michael Clarke; and our SLSOs -Valentina Najjar, Colleen Denton, Janine Lucas, Jenny Tomarchio, Grace Rosch and Nathan Brown.

Every year, we take the opportunity to recognise the contribution that SAS staff make to public education.

In 2013, SAS Staff National Recognition Week runs from September 9th -13th. This year's theme is **"VITAL to Education."**

Every day of the school year, our SAS Staff face a multitude of challenges in running our school, ensuring a high level of customer service and the provision of quality education for every one of our students.

These staff members play a vital role in students' learning by assisting teachers with implementing educational programs, caring for students, administrative duties, communicating with the wider community, and maintaining the grounds to keep our school safe.

National Recognition Week is a wonderful opportunity to take the time to thank all our SAS staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to education at Prestons PS. If you happen to be around the school next week – I encourage you to take the opportunity to do so.

CONGRATULATIONS – And GOOD LUCK!!

Congratulations to the Senior Girls and Boys Soccer teams, who have been successful in reaching the Grand Final of the Winter PSSA competition.

Congratulations also to their respective coaches – Mr Meoni and Miss Jordan, for the time and effort that they have put into coaching and organising the teams. We wish both teams all the very best this week.

Good luck - Try your best – We're proud of you all!

Mark Greentree

Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

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 6th September**

**Senior Girls
&
Senior Boys Soccer
Grand Final
@
Ireland Park, Liverpool**

GOOD LUCK!!

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

School Information

Assembly Information

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

There will be NO K-2 assembly during week 10 due to the Regional Spelling Bee

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.



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.

Stage 3 Camp

The final payment for the Stage 3 overnight stay at The Great Aussie Bush camp is due by tomorrow, Friday 6th September. Any parents who may have difficulty finalising this payment are asked to contact the office.



Students attending this excursion will be provided with further information regarding departure time and “what to bring” in the coming weeks.

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.

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/public/health/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>



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.

Preparing for Year 7

The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child. However, by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.

Find out more:

<http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/>



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KA	- Anamika
KL	- Rhani
KS	- Shruti
K/1V	- Matthew
1K	- Mario
1MB	- Brendan
1S	- Namisha
2B	- Fadi
2N	- Kristina
2S	- Adam
3SH	- Jayden & Maysa
3R	- Sherwin & Yousef
3/4H	- Kaylah & Evan
4E	- Gemma & Jelitta
4RM	- Umar & Isabella
4/5B	- Andrew & Luke
5/6J	- Habibullah & Raveena
5/6N	- Janelle & Joshua
5/6S	- Julian & Monaf
5/6T	- Teacher Absent

National Child Protection Week 1-7 September

Protecting children is everyone's business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Find out more:

<http://napcan.org.au/>

Helping Your Child Choose Right From Wrong

How do you raise ethically aware children? In this audio discussion, Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre explains some ideas to James O'Loughlin.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-your-child-choose-right-from-wrong>

Classroom Chat with

5/6T

Totally Terrific Term Three

Usually we call ourselves '5/6 Terrific' but after our fabulous performance, I think we have earned a new name:

'5/6: The Totally Talented Troupe'

As I watched our 'Wreck It Ralph' CAPA performance with 3/4H, I was overcome with immense happiness and pride. It was wonderful to see all the blood, sweat and tears pay off as both performances were truly amazing. All the children involved seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves; they all shone brightly in the spotlight. Anyone who was in the audience would surely agree! If you were unable to attend our splendid "Disney" performance, don't stress! You will be able to purchase your very own copy on DVD. Be sure to read upcoming newsletters for further details about release dates and cost. Trust me, you won't be disappointed!

In other class news;

Last Thursday, some yr6 students and selected SRC students went to Casula High School to celebrate International day. They got to eat some pretty yummy food and had a blast watching the brilliant student dances.

Congratulations to Thien and Stephanie for doing an awesome job in representing our class in the stage 3 Spelling Bee, well done.

Congratulations to all our talented sporting athletes, who represented our class and school at zone and regional events. Keep up the great work and remember that it doesn't matter whether you win or lose....**it's how you play the game!**



2N



Performance

Impressive! The students performed their Walt Disney item, Tarzan, wonderfully last Wednesday and remembered all they needed to do. They had practiced so hard with 1K and made their teachers so proud! Didn't they look fantastic in their costumes? A big thank you to all the families for bringing in the clothes they needed on time.



The students participate in our computer program every Friday. They are demonstrating a range of skills acquired throughout the year such as starting up and shutting down a computer safely, using programs to document literacy tasks and saving files to specified areas. Currently, 2N are using PowerPoint to make presentations about animals.

Yes, it is! No, it's not!



If you ask your child what the purpose of a persuasive text is, he or she will tell you that it is to convince the viewer or listener to believe a point of view.

After considering points for and against, it was great to see that all 2N students agreed that they should wear hats at school. Here is what the class jointly constructed...

Students should wear hats at school

2N have been talking about wearing hats at school.

We believe it is important to wear them every day.

Firstly, if you don't wear a hat, you could get sunburnt. This is bad because it may cause you to get cancer when you grow up.

Secondly, hats can stop the sun from shining in our eyes. This is important because we need to protect our eyesight.

Lastly, hats are a part of our school uniform. When we all wear a school hat, we look very smart!

Therefore, everyone should wear a hat at school so that they can be safe and look good at school.

- By 2N

In all literacy lessons, the students proceed through a sequence of modelled, guided and independent tasks. Now that they have gained an understanding of the structure of persuasive texts, they have started to write them independently.

Prepared by Mrs Nieves

Casula High School International Day

On Thursday 29th August six SRC representatives and 24 year 6 students attended the Casula High School International Day celebrations. Whilst there, they had the opportunity to taste foods from around the world and watch a huge range of wonderful performances performed by the high school students representing different cultures from many different countries. Many thanks to Casula High for inviting us to this wonderful day.



LAaFF

Tuesday 10th September



Please purchase your LAaFF tickets no later than **10am on Monday the 9th of September**. Tickets are available from the front office for **\$10.00**. All tickets must be purchased from the office prior to the show. Tickets will not be on sale at the door.

Tickets that have been purchased will be distributed to students on Monday 9th September.