



# PRESTONS POST



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**A picture says a thousand words.....**



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!!

Welcome back once again, for what is sure to be a busy term ahead. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing holiday break, with plenty of time to spend with family and friends. A number of special programs will be running this term, providing wonderful opportunities, not only for our students, but their families and the wider community. Key programs include: A fully funded music program for all students (Every Monday), Kindergarten Transition program, Grandparents Day, Parent English Classes, Toddler Story Time program, Presentation Days and Orientation Days. Please keep an eye on the 'Dates to Remember' section of our newsletter and/or check out our School Website for further details regarding these great programs.

### 2014 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

The 2014 Kindergarten transition program will commence NEXT WEEK (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FREE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS

Commencing next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, all students will be participating in an 8 Week music program. Our school has engaged the services of specialised music teachers to present engaging 'hands on' music lessons to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. To ensure that EVERY student has the opportunity to participate in this valuable learning experience, this program will be fully funded by the school. This program is also designed to enhance the abilities of our own staff in the effective delivery of music tuition, enabling the PPS staff to continue to provide quality music education for years to come. I look forward to seeing AND HEARING the results of this wonderful program.

### 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of presenting two of our staff members with Departmental certificates, recognising **20 Years of service** within the Department of Education. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating both Mrs Raiti and Ms Kinnavong on their fantastic (and ongoing) commitment to education of our students. We are very lucky to have you both!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

### 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

**13/10/2014**

Kindergarten Transition Program – Monday Option

**14/10/2014**

Parent English Class – 9am to 10.30am

**14/10/2014**

Toddler Story Time – 2.20pm

**14/10/2014**

Kindergarten Excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park

**15/10/2014**

Kindergarten Transition Program – Wednesday Option

**23/10/2014**

Grandparents Day – Afternoon Tea 2.15pm-3pm

### Sport Highlights

### PSSA Summer Sport

**Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool**

**Please ensure your child has their hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks for the afternoon.**

Students depart school at 12 noon with games scheduled to commence at approximately 12.30pm

## School Information Assembly Information

**K-2** – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

Date	Host Class
15 <sup>th</sup> October	KS
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	2V
29 <sup>th</sup> October	2H

**3-6** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday- Even Weeks commencing at 2.15pm

Date	Host Class
16 <sup>th</sup> October	3B
30 <sup>th</sup> October	5/6R
12 <sup>th</sup> November	5/6T

## Kindergarten 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

Children who turn 5 by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2015.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.



## Tricks For Encouraging Kids To Read

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at <http://bit.ly/HLPmB9>



## Toddler Story Time

Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20pm on Tuesday afternoons. Throughout the afternoon the children will be involved in reading, drama and art activities. Parents and carers must attend with, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times.

## Kindergarten – Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Week 2

Payment and permission note are due to office by **tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

Students are required to wear full school uniform, school hat and comfortable closed toe shoes. Students will need to bring their **lunch, recess and drink bottle** in a backpack, clearly labelled with their name. Please ensure your child has enough food and drink for the day as they will not be able to purchase any food items.

## How Much Water Does Your Child Really Need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at

<http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo>



## Parent English Classes

If you would like to develop your conversational English skills then our parent English classes are for you!

Week 2 - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
9am-10:30am

Topic – Everyday English  
Focus On Australia



The purpose of these classes is to assist parents to develop their English skills so that they can confidently communicate in everyday situations such as at school, home or the shopping centre.

Class content will be developed based on the needs and interests of parents attending.

Weekly classes will be run by Mrs Naicker and Mrs Claydon on a Wednesday morning, 9am-10:30am.

**All 4 Fun**

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## Prestons Public School Kindergarten Transition Program

### Group One

Mondays  
13<sup>th</sup> October  
20<sup>th</sup> October  
27<sup>th</sup> October

### Group Two

Wednesdays  
15<sup>th</sup> October  
22<sup>nd</sup> October  
29<sup>th</sup> October





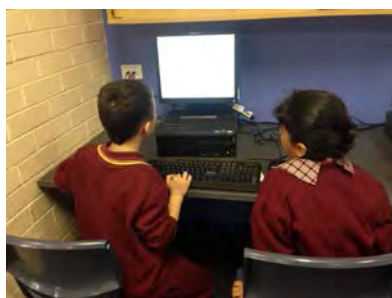
# Classroom Chat with .....

## 1M

At the end of term 3, 1M went on an excursion to Georges River Environmental Education Centre. On the day we did many different activities. One of our favourite parts of the day was when we got to walk on the beach and go fishing with nets! 1M had lots of fun learning about insects and bugs in science. We can't wait to start our new topic this term!



1M have been practicing their computer skills in the computer lab. We have been learning to use Microsoft word to create posters about our favourite things.



During Term 3 all of the crayons and coloured pencils in 1M ran away! 1M had to write letters convincing the crayons and pencils to come back. They did a great job and convinced them all to return! Hopefully they stay for all of Term 4!



## 5/6T travels the 'Home Stretch'

Congratulations 5/6T for completing another successful term that we can proudly place under our belts and look back on with fond memories.

One of the many achievements in Term 3, would be our new vegetable garden. With lots of hard work and careful nurturing from 5/6T and 2V, the students have created a flourishing variety of fruit and vegetable plants that they have grown from seed. Below are some photos that show the beginning stages of the garden. They truly don't do it justice. So, take a look the next time you're at school, I'm sure your child would love it.



We have rows of Carrot, Corn, Cucumber, Leek, Choy Sum, Lettuce and Strawberry. **Come and see how well your child's plant is growing.**

This term we'll be adding more plants, but eating the fruits of our labour is one of our highest priorities.

Also in Term 4, stage 3 students have the High School Transition program during weeks 2 to 6. This program aims to ready our year 6 students for their leap to high school by giving them an insight to common high school practices. All students will be given a personal diary and shown how best to use it for their homework, important dates and other school notes. Most importantly is that the diary is your child's responsibility, they need to remember to bring it to school each day and make the best use of it.

5/6T I look forward to an even bigger and more memorable last term together.

*Miss Tan*

## Canberra Excursion

In HSIE during Term 3, Stage 3 students explored the topic of 'Democracy'. The unit provided opportunities for students to explore beliefs and ideals associated with democracy, both in past societies and Australia today. The unit focused on functions of representative government.

Students from our school recently participated in an educational tour of the national capital. Students participated in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. During our excursion, our students capably demonstrated their knowledge and understanding about the structure and function of our government.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

Our students need to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and active participation during the entire excursion.

### Some of our favourite memories from Canberra.....

Parliament House it was educational and super fun. Ronan

Old Parliament House because we actually got to sit on the seats where the politicians used to sit. Hamad  
When we went to the National Film and Sound Archive and we watched "Skippy". Estelle

"Circa" the audiovisual experience taking us on a journey through Australia's past at the National Museum of Australia. Kyanna & Angeleigh

Taking part in the role play in The House of Representatives gave us a good understanding of how parliament works and I enjoyed being the Speaker. Ella

We'll never forget the War Memorial because we learnt about our past and we found it very interesting. Ledisha & Diana

Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre, was awesome because of all the fun and educational experiences! Ben

At Questacon we tried all the activities, the illusions and puzzles were interesting and fun. Moira & Tasha

The AIS was fantastic because we could run wild and free and trying lots of different sports. Laney

I loved going to the AIS because my favourite hobby is swimming and it was very inspirational for me – a dream come true! Tara

It was SENSATIONAL exploring the GREAT and AMAZING parts of Canberra! Zagros

