



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

THANK YOU!!

This morning, our school had the opportunity to say thank you to a very special group of people in our school – volunteer helpers and members of our Prestons Public School community. These volunteers have provided great service throughout the year, assisting the staff to provide a better service to our students. On behalf of all the community, I would like to thank all the scripture teachers and parent helpers for their service and dedication.

On Tuesday night, I was also able to thank and express the school's appreciation to the members of the P&C for their tireless efforts throughout the year. The P&C committee have once again done an amazing job all year, to organise fundraising events such as our FANTASTIC Movie Night, and support the operation of the school. Members of our current P&C will be leaving at the end of the year, so I hope that we can get a few more members to take us into the future. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank all the members of the P&C for the outstanding commitment that they have shown to our school and students in 2014!

P&C Raffle Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the 2014 P&C Christmas raffle were sent home to families on Monday. The tickets are only \$1 each. If you require any further books of tickets, please collect them from the Front Office. Prizes this year include: A joy flight, Fiorelli Gold Watch, Circular saw, Luna Park Passes, Autographed Bulldogs football, Christmas Hampers, Dinner Vouchers, and many more. I encourage you all to support this fundraiser, as all the money raised goes back to the school to support the education of our students. This year, the P&C has supported our school by donating significant funds to refurbish the school computer lab.

PARENT SURVEY – SCHOOL CULTURE

Each year as part of the Annual School Report, schools evaluate one of five areas outlined by the DEC using a survey tool called SchoolMap. **This year, we will be evaluating School Culture.** Accompanying this newsletter is a brief survey form. We ask that all families complete and return the survey **NO LATER THAN Next FRIDAY 5th December**, so that we can report on the data and effectively review the culture that exist at Prestons PS. PLEASE NOTE – The survey is anonymous, so names are not required on the survey. **Please take a few minutes to complete this simple survey and return it to the school office.**

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

28/11/2014

PSSA Summer Season concludes

2/12/2014

K-2 Movie Day

3/12/2014

Stage 2 Movie Day

4/12/2014

Sports Presentation Day

5/12/2014

Presentation Day

8/12/2014

Year 6 Farewell

Sport Highlights

Sports Presentation Day
Thursday 4th December
9.30am

PSSA Summer Sport
has now concluded
for 2014

School Information Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

Date	Host Class
26 th November	1S
No Assembly	

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

Date	Host Class
11 th December	4/5J

Kindergarten 2015



We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

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

Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Office News

If your child is not returning to Prestons Public School in 2015 it is requested that you notify the office in writing advising which school the child will be transferring to. Also if your child will not be returning to school on the 28th of January 2015 due to extended holidays etc. can you please notify the office.

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. Next week will be the last session for 2014. The toddler story time will resume in Term 1, 2015. Dates will be printed in the first newsletter back for 2015.

Next week – Please bring a small plate of food to share.

P & C Uniform Shop



The P&C used uniform shop is opened every Friday morning from 8.30am – 9.30am. The shop is located behind the hall. Donations of school clothing that are no longer required would be greatly appreciated.

Choosing a Book for Your Child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Does Cartoon Violence Make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence? Find out more:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-ake-kids-more-aggressive

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

- KL** - Maria
- KS** - Yekita
- K/1RB**- Peyton & Abathur
- 1J** - Katarina & Malachi
- 1M** - Anamika
- 1S** - Alem & Shruti
- 2H** - Sam & Paige
- 2M** - Jessica & Sharon
- 2V** - Sahil & Andrew
- 3B** - Jacob & Shyna
- 3S** - Aidan & Yassmine
- 3/4S** - Adam & Gabby
- 4C** - Rohan & Jessica
- 4S** - Malaika & Zaydan
- 4/5J** - Prayag & Deena
- 5/6H** - Laney & Umar
- 5/6M** - Kaylob & Paul
- 5/6R** - Ayaat & Tasha
- 5/6T** - Angels & Ayham

Fit and Healthy Tennis Lessons
available at Club Marconi Tennis Centre.

Bookings & enquiries
9822 3336

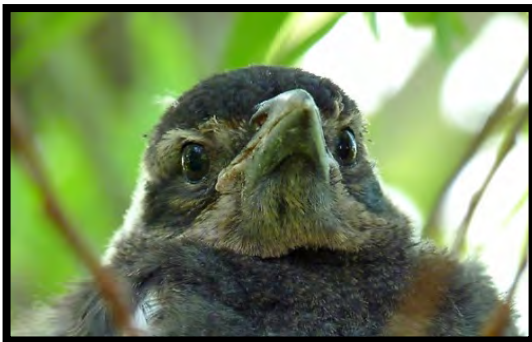
Like Us on www.facebook.com/marconitennisandsquash
Location - Club Marconi Prairievale Rd, Bossley Park.

Classroom Chat with

5/H

Well, that's it for another year! What a great class I have and what fantastic achievements we have made. Class 5/6H set goals at the start of this year and I can now say that I am really pleased with the achievements the students in my class have made because of these goals. You should be very proud of your child, hopefully he or she has shared some successful learning stories with you. It's always great as a teacher to look back on how the students' were in semester one and then compare them to semester two.

We have had heaps of fun with our class mascot "Preston", who was found outside at the front of the school. He particularly likes Kyesha and has been known to fly onto her head for attention!



I'm looking forward to the end of year wrap up especially the year 6 farewell celebration. I have been chatting with my year 6 students, and they are very excited to be dressing up and seeing how a formal night runs.

I hope you all have a brilliant Christmas break and that everyone you share it with stays happy and healthy until we see you all again in 2015.

1J

Every day is great with 1J!

This term has flown by so quickly and the students of 1J have been busy working and having fun!

This term we have been involved in the 'Music Stars' program where 1J have had the opportunity to learn to play simple tunes on the glockenspiels and create different beats using percussion instruments. We really enjoy our music lessons every Monday!



1J have been learning all about persuasive writing and we are building the skills to form our own opinions on different topics. This week we tried to convince our peers that our favourite ice cream flavour was the best. Chocolate ice cream was definitely a big favourite!

Next week we are looking forward to our K-2 Movie Day excursion to watch the film 'Penguins of Madagascar'. It will be an exciting way to celebrate the end of the year.

This year has been a fantastic one where the students of 1J have been superstar learners. I am so proud of all of your achievements so far!



Miss Janabi ☺

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



This week at Casula High:

- Taking their inspiration from X-factor some of our Year 10 students are now mentoring our Year 7 band members. Red Foo who????
- Our Science faculty has been awarded a community outreach award from the Australian Academy of Physics. Great work.
- Some of our Year 9 students recently took part in the NSW Wheelchair Sports Roadshow. Our students got to play an exciting game of wheelchair basketball.
- Summer reading?? Yes please. The latest and greatest books for an active reading summer have arrived in our library. What a wonderful selection.
- There is a real buzz around the school in anticipation for the upcoming year 6 into 7 orientation day. Our student leaders are ready, our teachers are ready, are you guys ready??? Can not wait to see you all.
- For more updates on our exciting achievements why not like us on Facebook? Find us at www.facebook.com/casulahighschool

If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270. Simon O'Donnell, Relieving Transition Co-ordinator

Parent English Classes

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

Week 9 - Tuesday 2nd December



English Classes

Next Week will be the last session for 2014
Could parents please bring a small plate of food to share

Classes will resume in 2015
Details will be included in 2015 Newsletters

You're invited

SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY 2014 (YEARS 2-6)

The 2nd Annual Sports Presentation will be held at Prestons Public School next Thursday 4th December (Week 9). The ceremony will commence at 9:30am in the Hall.

Come and celebrate the sporting achievements of our students in 2014.

Our special guest at the assembly will be Mr Shane Rose - Australia Equestrian representative.

Hope to see you all there!

PRESENTATION DAY 2014 (K - 6)

The 2014 School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 5th December (Week 9) in the School Hall.

The presentation ceremony will begin at 9:30am. Come and join us to celebrate the students' academic and creative achievements.



Hope to see you there!