



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

PRESENTATION DAY 2014

Thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and special guests, who joined us for our Annual Presentation Assembly last Friday. It is always great to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our fantastic students and it is even better when we get to share that moment with our family and friends. A lot of organization went into the Presentation Assembly and the resulting product was outstanding. Congratulations to all the students who received awards as recognition of their efforts this year, and a HUGE thank you to all the staff for their hard work throughout the year. A BIG thank you to Mrs Raiti and the team involved in organising the Presentation assembly - job well done!! I would also like to welcome our new School Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. Congratulations to Arushi, Retty, Marilyn and Ben. I'm sure you will do a wonderful job - just like this year's Captains!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

On Monday Night, the year 6 students celebrated the end of their time in Primary School with the Year 6 Farewell. Congratulations to Mrs Hawker and the Year 6 staff for organising such a memorable event! The feedback that I received on the night, and in the days following, clearly highlighted the fact that this is a GREAT school and that parents and students have appreciated their time here. A big thank you once again to Mrs Micheli who did a wonderful job creating the Year 6 Farewell cake. **The Year 6 Farewell circle will be held NEXT Wednesday at 2:40pm – I invite you to join us as we farewell our Year 6 cohort!**

STUDENT REPORTS

The Semester Two student reports will be going home to families NEXT Monday, 15th December. Please check your child's bag. If you would like to organise an interview with your child's class teacher to discuss the report, please contact the school on 9602 7435 and we will organise a time that is mutually convenient.

P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Next Monday morning, the P&C will be drawing their Christmas Raffle. Thanks to the generosity of our families at Prestons PS, there have been LOTS of hampers that have been made as a result of yesterday's mufti day. If you haven't bought any tickets yet - you need to get in quick to avoid missing out on these and other great prizes! Tickets will also be sold on Monday morning near the assembly area.

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

12/12/2014
Class Reward Day

15/12/2014
Talent Quest

17/12/2014
Students Last Day
Yr 6 Farewell Circle 2.40pm

18/12/2014
Staff Development Day
Office Open

19/12/2014
Staff Development Day
Office Open

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

26/1/2015
Australia Day Public Holiday

27/1/2015
Staff Development Day
Office Open

28/1/2015
Students Yr 1 to Yr 6 return

29/1/2015
Kindergarten Start

School Information Assembly Information

K-2 Assemblies have concluded for 2014

3-6 Assemblies have concluded for 2014

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. Please also notify the office if your child will not be returning to school on the 28th of January 2015 due to an extended holiday.

Office Hours & Uniform Sales



Our office opening hours are from 8:30am – 3.15pm. Uniforms can be purchased during these times, Monday to Friday.

The office will be open for uniform sales till Friday the 19th December 2014 and will reopen on Tuesday the 27th January 2015.

Lost Property

All items that are in the lost property box will be cleared out prior to the holidays. If your child is missing any items please check lost property.



Library News

Library Stock take has commenced. Students with borrowed books please return these to the library as soon as possible.

P&C Christmas Raffle



Students have been issued their raffle tickets. Tickets and money need to be returned to the office prior to the morning assembly on Monday 15th December.

Extra tickets can be collected from the office.



Summer Holiday Fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website



www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

Pleasures of Free Play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Kindergarten 2015



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

Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Ready for High School

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Choosing School Shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach Your Kids to be Waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Classroom Chat with

2M

2M are enjoying their last few days in year 2!

With Mrs McMaster, 2M spent the morning making delicious chocolate balls.

Forcfully crushing the ingredients!



Carefully mixing the squishy concoction with their hands.



Then rolling them into tiny



tasty balls of yumminess!



Then they wrote all the steps into a recipe detailing how to make this tasty treat.

They've also been fine tuning all the concepts they've learnt throughout the year.

2M have learnt a lot and have grown into responsible mature students who are now ready for the challenge of year 3 in 2015!

Good luck 2M, although you won't need it.



4C MOVIE MAKERS

4C have been reading a digital multi modal text, called Inanimate Alice. The Inanimate Alice series provides an exciting story with embedded puzzles, mini-games and a rich trove of digital assets 4C have enjoyed. As a result, students were inspired to create their own episode using the app iMovie on the iPads. Once the videos were edited the students enjoyed watching each other's short films.



It is nearing the end of the year and we have enjoyed attending events such as Movie Day, Sports and Presentation Day, and we are looking forward to our class party.

It has been a great year teaching 4C and it has been wonderful watching the students engage in their learning and have fun along the way. I wish them all the very best for next year. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday!



FREE ENTRY

Mayor Ned Mannoun and Councillors invite you to

LIVERPOOL'S AUSTRALIA DAY Celebrations
26 JANUARY 3PM - 9PM

WOODWARD PARK
 Corner of Home Highway and Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool

FIREWORKS AT 9PM

This is a drug and alcohol free event

For more information visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/australiaday



PENRITH REGIONAL GALLERY
 & THE LEWERS BEQUEST

SUMMER PROGRAM COME, SEE, DO

Our holiday workshop program is inspired by the gallery's *Take A Seat* summer exhibition.

Twilight Market 30 November 2014, 2pm-7pm

Our annual *Twilight Market* will host creative activities and entertainment for children and families to enjoy.

Make A Mess - Eton Mess 14 January 2015, 2pm-4pm

Family Workshop \$35 per family
 Cafe At Lewers chef Steve Grant will show us how to whip up a delicious eton mess followed by a fun filled furniture stenciling workshop.

Printing Workshop 5-10yrs 15 January 2015, 10am-12pm, \$18
 Learn hand printing techniques and then create your own modernist inspired fabric print.

'Pop Up' Cubby Hut 23 January 2015, 11am- 1pm
Family Workshop \$35 per family
 Parents and children work together to create their very own cubby hut.

Contact us as bookings are essential.



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penrithregionalgallery.org

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE T20 ACTION

MILO T20 BLAST

SUPER FUN, SOCIAL AND ACTIVE. IT'S CRICKET AND IT'S A BLAST!

YOUR NEAREST MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE:
LIVERPOOL T20 BLAST HOLIDAY CAMP

Date: Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd January 2015
 Time: 9.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m
 Venue: Mount Pritchard Oval, Mount Pritchard
 Cost: \$99

Every participant will receive a pack which includes a hat, t-shirt, stickers and drawing bag! Each day will contain around 2 hours of skills and 2 hours of games.

Contact: Herman Lotey
herman.lotey@cricketnsw.com.au / 0418 363 835

SIGN UP AT T2OBLAST.COM.AU

Liverpool Mayor Ned Mannoun and Councillors invite you to

NYE 15
 By the Lake

31 December 5pm-10pm

Justice Crew

Team9Lives

Grand Flaneur Beach
 Ascot Drive, Chipping Norton Lake

Fireworks at 9pm
 Scott McRae's Friday on my Mind
 Aerialists, performers, DJ Deepak Rides*, food stalls and more

*\$2 a ticket

FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
 will run from 2pm-10pm looping between pick up and drop off points:

- Liverpool Train Station
- Warwick Farm Train Station
- Warwick Farm Racecourse
- Chipping Norton Lake

Public transport recommended due to limited parking at Chipping Norton Lake.

No BBQ facilities will be permitted at the event. Inclement weather may result in cancellation of event.

For more information visit liverpool.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 36 2170

This is a drug and alcohol free event.