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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY

A huge congratulations to all our Sport Award winners today at our Annual Sports Presentation Assembly. It was great to recognise the achievement and effort of our students in the sporting arena, and celebrate the qualities of sportsmanship, determination, persistence and resilience. Our special guest, Mr Shane Rose was the PERFECT example of these qualities, as he talked to the students about all the highs and lows that he has experienced during his career as an elite Equestrian. Mr Rose has represented Australia at a number of international events, and in **2008 won a silver medal at the Beijing Olympics**. The children were amazed to hear about some of the injuries that Mr Rose sustained during his career (one incident put him into a coma for a week), and yet he still persisted to achieve his dream. **On behalf of our whole school, I would like to thank Mr Rose for coming and sharing his story with us today, and we wish him all the very best as he prepares for the RIO Olympics in 2016. (I'm sure that there will be a lot of new equestrian fans from Prestons PS cheering him on!)**

I would also like to thank all the staff who worked behind the scenes to organise the event, particular thanks to Mr Meoni and Miss Jordan, who did a wonderful job coordinating the event. A big thank you to all the parents and families who joined us on this special day. I hope that we get a similar, if not better, turnout at tomorrow's Presentation Assembly.

STUDENT SAFETY #1 PRIORITY

At Prestons Public School, we put a number of processes and procedures in place to ensure student safety. Sometimes accidents happen (which can't be avoided), but if we follow process, policy and procedures we can hopefully cut down on PREVENTABLE accidents. Here are a few NON NEGOTIABLE procedures/rules that must be followed:

1. ALL visitors (parents included) who are visiting classrooms or students during school time, MUST go through the Front Office FIRST. (This does not include parents attending assemblies or Open Days)
2. ALL scooters and bikes must be WALKED through the school grounds. Additionally, all students who ride a bike to school MUST wear a helmet. (If students are not wearing a helmet when riding, they will not be permitted to ride their bike to school).
3. The CAR PARK is a NO GO ZONE for students and parents.

Please help us to keep our students safe.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

5/12/2014

Presentation Day

8/12/2014

Year 6 Farewell

10/12/2014

Mufti Day for P&C Raffle

11/12/2014

Year 6 – AMF Bowling

12/12/2014

Class Reward Day

17/12/2014

Students Last Day

18 & 19/12/2014

Staff Development Days
Office Open

Sport Highlights

Congratulations to all our award recipients at the Sports Presentation Assembly today.



School Information Assembly Information

K-2 Assemblies have concluded for 2014.

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

Date	Host Class
11 th December	4/5J



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 during next week. If your child is missing any items please check lost property soon as possible.

Library News

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

P&C Mufti Day Wednesday 10th December

Students are permitted to wear mufti clothes on Wednesday the 10th December 2014.

It is requested that students donate a non-perishable food item which can be used in the hampers for the P&C Xmas raffle.

**Students must wear closed toed shoes.
(No thongs or sandals)**



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.



P & C Uniform Shop

The P&C used uniform shop is open Friday mornings 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.

Toddler Story Time



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.

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.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

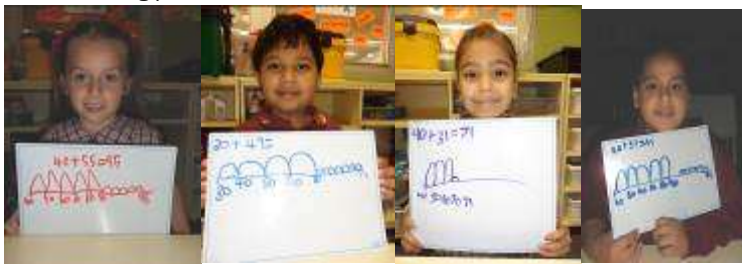
Classroom Chat with

K/1RB

Wow, what a great journey K/1RB have had together this year. This term, the students were eager to improve their number strategies. We worked hard to use our counting on and back strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are now learning to use the jump strategy to solve problems involving two digit numbers.

"I put the first number in my head" - Alicia
 "There are 3 tens so I count on by tens 3 times" - Dylan
 "There are 7 ones to count on" - Yaqub

Check out how clever we are at using the jump strategy:



In writing, students enjoyed reflecting on their year together.

This year I have learnt to spell words and to read books. I liked making a kite. I have so many friends in K/1RB. - Steve

This year I have learnt the jump strategy and to read long stories. I enjoyed making a monster because it was fun. I have a good time with my friends in K/1RB. - Najah

This year I have learnt to do maths and to write. I can do the jump strategy and use friends of ten. I enjoyed everything at school. I had a great time in K/1RB. - Abathur

This year I have learnt about maths and art. I can count by tens. I liked making kites. I feel happy in K/1RB. - Deserai

3/4S

The 2014 school year is almost over and we have accomplished so much! We have been a great team and it's going to be sad to pass the students of 3/4S onto a higher level of learning and to another teacher for next year.

Over the past month, 3/4S has been working hard to perform their 'Birthday Crime' play. The students have developed their drama skills and a love of performing. 3/4S would also like to thank Mrs Naicker for her help in creating the play and guiding them in how to use their voice and body language to tell a story.



As part of the H.S.I.E unit 'Communities and Remembrance' the students have been learning about ANZAC Day. This topic sparked some great discussions in our class about World War 1. The students engaged in research tasks and class discussions to gain a better understanding of this important time in world history. As a result, the students have all learnt about the allied forces, The Gallipoli Campaign, and the ANZAC soldiers.

Our last excursion was awesome! All students had a great time playing cooperatively at the park and watching the movie. 3/4S behaved exceptionally well and it was a great opportunity for the students to bond together one last time. While we were walking from the park to the cinema, the Google Maps camera vehicle drove past. So sometime soon you just might see 3/4S walking past Campbelltown Library on Google Maps!

This year has been a fantastic one where the students in 3/4S have all developed their independence, initiative and cooperative learning skills. Each and every student has made gains in their academic performance and I am very proud of their efforts.

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.

PRESENTATION DAY

2014

(K – 6)

The 2014 School Presentation Day will be held tomorrow, 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.

You're invited



Hope to see you there!

This is an alcohol free event

Liverpool Night markets

6 DECEMBER
4-9.30pm, Macquarie Street

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
CAROLS BY THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF LIVERPOOL
DELICIOUS FOOD
CHRISTMAS STALLS

For more information visit liverpool.nsw.gov.au/nightmarkets

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FREE ENTRY

Liverpool Mayor Ned Mannoun and Councillors invite you to

Liverpoolcitycouncil

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.