



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Prestons PS in 2014!

FAREWELL MR LORD

As you may be aware, Mr Lord was appointed to the role of Assistant Principal at John Warby Public School. Whilst we are very sad to see him go, I'm sure that the staff and students at JWPS will benefit from his talents, just as we have over the last 4 years. On behalf of all the staff, students and community at Prestons Public School, I would like to wish Mr Lord all the very best with this new and exciting challenge.

P&C MEETING

The first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February (Week 4) at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Prestons school community and hear about all the great projects that will be happening at Prestons PS in 2014. If you are new to our school community, I strongly encourage you to come along and join us for this first meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

You are cordially invited to attend the Prestons Public School 'Meet the Teacher' Community BBQ, on Friday 21st February (5pm – 7:00pm)

This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Come on up and grab a sausage on a roll and a cold drink, and share in some fun and games with the staff & students of Prestons Public School.

This is a family event. All students attending MUST be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you wish to attend (and for catering purposes), please complete the order form at the back of this newsletter and return it to school before **Wednesday 19th February**.

I look forward to seeing you there!!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

10/2/2014
Sports Captains Assembly

11/2/2014
Active After School commences K-2 (selected Students)

12/2/2014
Active After School commences 3-6 (selected Students)

17/2/2014
Book Club orders due

18/2/2014
Combined Swimming Trials Carnival

18/2/2014
P&C Meeting - 6pm

21/2/2014
Meet the Teacher BBQ

Sport Highlights

The newly elected Sports House Captains will be receiving their badges at Monday morning assembly.

PSSA Trials for the summer season will be held over the next few weeks.

School Information

Assembly Information

Assemblies will be commencing Week 4

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

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

P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be open **this Friday morning, 7th February, from 8.30am** for approximately 1 hour.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter, the "Prestons Post", is distributed weekly each Thursday.

A copy is sent home with the eldest child from each family.

Weekly newsletters can also be viewed online on the schools website:

www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.

Update Of Contact Information

If you have moved or changed your contact numbers during the school break please notify the office by phoning or by sending in a note with the updated details.

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.

2014 Combined Swimming Trials

This year our swimming carnival will be held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre on Tuesday 18th February between 9.30am and 1pm. The carnival will be combined with Casula PS, Liverpool West PS and Lurnea PS.



Notes have been sent home for students in years 3 to 6 and students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year.

It is crucial that all students who will be attending the carnival can confidently swim a minimum of 50 metres unaided.

Permission notes and payment of \$5 are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th February.

Student Bus Passes

Bus passes have been issued to students who were entitled to receive a new pass for 2014. Parents wishing to apply for bus travel for their child may obtain an application form from the office.

Book Club

Book club brochures have been distributed to students. If your child would like to order from this issue please complete the order forms, ensuring that your child's name & class are provided and return the order form & your payment to the office.

Orders for this issue close Monday 17th February 2014.

Scripture

Scripture classes will be commencing in week 5. Classes are held each Thursday morning between 9.55am and 10.55am. At present the classes that are offered are: Catholic, Islam, Anglican and Non Scripture.

Kik Messenger

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned:

<http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

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>

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Classroom Chat with

1B

A PEEK INTO OUR CLASSROOM

1B have had a great start to the year! We are enjoying getting to know each other and have started meeting the members of a Year 1 expert club. So far we have met 'Responsible Ryan', 'Ready to Learn Robert' and 'Really Safe Rita'. The students in 1B have shown that they have many of these qualities.



This term in HSIE we will be learning about 'Families' and in Science we will be learning about 'Toy World'. We are going to be having Fitness on a Tuesday and Sport on Thursday mornings.



I am looking forward to a term filled with lots of fun and learning!

Mrs Beavis

5/6R

Welcome to 5/6R 2014. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year of learning for our senior students.

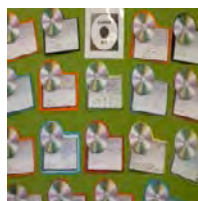
We have a productive term planned. Currently, the novel *Island of the Blue Dolphin* serves as the central focus of our literacy program. Students will complete tasks, based around the novel's themes, aimed at enriching their vocabulary and refining their comprehension and writing skills.

5/6R will be focusing on reading for enjoyment and increase and discuss what they read. The students will have the opportunity to read texts such as books on sports, celebrations, different cultures, joke books, visual texts, electronic texts on the ipads and much, much more. Each time students read a text for enjoyment, a new leaf will be added to our class Reading Tree. We are hoping to fill the tree with an amazing number of leaves!



The exciting events that students will be looking forward to this term include; Peer Support training for Year 6 students and subsequent Peer Support Groups and our Term 1 school disco. I am looking forward to working with your child and you to make this a successful year.

Mrs Rita Raiti



5/6R students wrote all the fun things they did over the summer break by creating song titles!



5/6R already hard at work!



CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



The teachers and students at Casula High School would like to thank your wonderful school for allowing us to update you on what is happening at our school.

- ✓ Our 2013 Year 12 students achieved outstanding results in the HSC, with our school climbing an incredible 160 places across the state.
- ✓ Our top HSC student received an ATAR of 96.3, with four other students also scoring ATAR's above 90. In fact, 10% of our Yr 12 students were ranked in the top 10% of the state.
- ✓ Our new state of the art brand new multi purpose basketball/netball/tennis courts are nearing completion, as are our brand new cricket nets.
- ✓ We have welcomed over 100 very keen and excited Year 7 students.
- ✓ We have also welcomed our new Special Education Unit.
- ✓ We are looking forward to our annual swimming carnival which is always a fun and exciting event.

Please look out for future updates in this newsletter about your local Casula High School.

Mrs E. Signorini
Casula High School
Transition Co-ordinator



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Narellan Vale and Eschol Park

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'Meet the Teacher' Community BBQ,

Please return to school NO LATER than Wednesday 19th February (Week 4)

Family Name:..... Class/Classes:

Number of People attending.....

Please circle your sausage preference: Chicken or Beef (Halal)

Note: Sausage on a Roll and a drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional Sausages on rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for \$2 each.

For more information call the office on 9602 7435.