



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

CLASS REORGANISATION

Unfortunately due to a slight drop in enrolment numbers, classes will need to be reorganised for 2014. This process will occur next Monday AFTER lunch. Careful planning has gone into this process to ensure MINIMAL disruption and MAXIMUM benefit for all students. All classes will be assembled under the COLA at the end of the day to ensure that parents can easily locate their child.

P&C MEETING

The first P&C meeting will be held **next 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. I look forward seeing many of you there!

MORNING SUPERVISION

At this early stage in the year, it is probably a great time to remind the community of our **Morning Supervision policy**. It is becoming a safety concern that students are arriving early to school and are left unsupervised in the playground during the morning. Supervision of students in the playground commences at **8:30am** under the COLA – Covered Outdoor Learning Area in the main playground. Prior to this time, teachers are unable to provide direct supervision, as they are required to complete a variety of other tasks before the morning bell. Please assist us in protecting the safety of our students by ensuring that they arrive at school between 8:30 – 9:00am. If you require supervision before this time, please contact the YMCA on 9771 6033 to arrange Before and After School Care.

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

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

24/2/2014
Yr 6 Woogilemai Excursion

Sport Highlights

**PSSA Summer
Competition
Commences Week 5
Term 1**

**Prestons PS
team trials will be held on
Monday 17th February
Students that are selected
will be required to make an
upfront payment of \$50.00**

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, 14th February, from 8.30am** for approximately 1 hour.


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.

Reminder to update your 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.

Year 6 Wooglemai Excursion

Notes have been sent home  regarding the Year 6 training day at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre at Oakdale. Please hand your signed notes back into the office no later than Thursday 20th February.

Active After School

Active After School has commenced for Term 1, 2014.

K-2 Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm

3-6 Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Please ensure prompt pick up.

Students who have been selected for these programs have been notified with a note that was sent home advising of selection. Due to limited numbers not every child was able to join for Term 1. These children will be considered for Term 2.



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 18th February 2014.

Homework and study planning

Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template.

Weekly schedule template:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/weekly-schedule-template>



Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier.

Learning to read:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

Staying in touch with the school

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child's school.

Communicating with your school:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>



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LIMITED PLACES REMAINING!

Mounties Netball has limited places remaining for 2014 in the following age groups -

5, 6, 7, 8 years - \$75.00
10, 11, 13 years - \$90.00

Please contact our Secretary
Lyn King on 9601 8840 to join the club!

mounties group

Classroom Chat with

KL

In KL we have had an exciting start to 2014. We have been busy learning about the Prestons School Rules – Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be a Learner.

The students have been developing their skills in number writing, name writing, colouring pictures and gluing paper to make pictures.

KL students enjoy counting and stories. Everyone joins in singing rhyming songs.

The students have found some friends and enjoy playing together in the playground.



3S

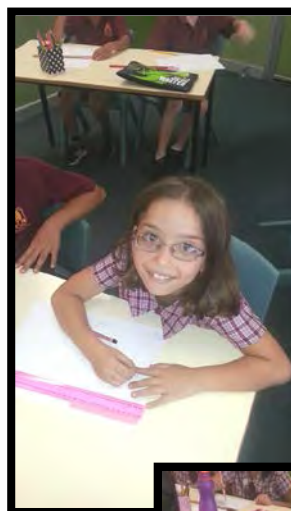
Welcome to 2014

3S have had a wonderful start to the year. We have already been involved in many interesting activities such as the West Tiger's visit, our sporting house meeting and learning athletic skills for this years carnival.

In class we have been refining our editing skills and learning about the art of persuasion, which some of 3S have proven to be very good at!

We love being practical in mathematics. This week we enjoyed using a ruler to measure centimetres which we know is useful when measuring small items. 3S especially liked measuring lollies and gobbling them up afterwards. Check out some of the photos of our lolly activity.

We love learning and are looking forward to a fantastic year.



Get hooked on hockey ... come and join

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harringtonparkhockey@gmail.com
Web:
www.harringtonparkhockeyclub.com.au

Come and register:

Saturday, 18 January 2014

10.00am to 2.00pm
Narellan Town Centre

Saturday, 15 February 2014

10.00am to 2.00pm
Narellan Town Centre

**Saturday 22 February 2014
Come and try hockey day**

3.00pm to 5.00pm
Narellan Hockey Fields
Millwood Ave, Narellan

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



Another busy and exciting week has resulted in many achievements:

- The whole school student population has made our special education students feel very safe and comfortable in their new surroundings. They are loving all of their new subjects, especially TAS.
- Our year 11 and 12 Drama students will be attending the presentation of the outstanding 2013 HSC Drama Performances.
- Our newly formed school choir is hard at work practicing for upcoming performances.
- Liverpool Council has granted additional funds to our fundraising efforts in order for CHS to complete our ANZAC Day Anniversary Memorial.
- **Open Night is on Tuesday February 18th from 6pm at Casula High. Join us for an information evening about our school including tours, games, lucky door prizes and more!**

We look forward to seeing you at Open Night and if you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270.
Emily Signorini
Transition Co-ordinator
Casula High School



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CLASSES ARE HELD IN:

Wattle Grove, Hinchinbrook, Casula, Greenway Park,
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To find out more, please phone Principal, **Alison McInerney** on

4648 2318



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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.