



# PRESTONS POST



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**A picture says a thousand words.....**



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

### P&C MEETING

On Tuesday night, the Prestons Public School P&C Association held its first meeting for 2014. Whilst it was great to see a bunch of new faces at our P&C meeting, it would be even better if we could boost our numbers even further! It is not a massive commitment – simply 2 meetings per term! As the main voice for parents within our school, I hope that more parents take the opportunity to demonstrate their genuine commitment towards their children's future by making this small effort and attend some of the meetings. During Tuesday's meeting, I discussed with the P&C some of our targets for 2014, some of the staffing changes that have occurred, and I outlined some of the projects that will be occurring at our school this term. I hope more parents can join us on the P&C for what is sure to be a great year at Prestons Public School.

### SCHOOL CARPARK – NO GO ZONE!!!

Please be aware, that the staff car park IS NOT FOR PARENT OR STUDENT USE. Due to the fact that we often have delivery vehicles entering and exiting, it is NOT a safe environment for dropping off or picking up students. The car park is for staff and authorised personnel ONLY. Please assist us to maintain the safety of ALL our students, by NOT using the staff car park.

### MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – Tomorrow night

Tomorrow night is our 'Meet The Teacher BBQ'. This was a wonderfully supported event in 2012 & 2013, and I look forward to bigger and better things this year. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (I have ordered extra sausages etc – so if you still would like to attend – you are more than welcome!!) Look forward to seeing you all here!!

### PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that Prestons Public School has a Facebook page? If you would like to check it out visit:

[www.facebook.com/PrestonsPublicSchoolDecPages](http://www.facebook.com/PrestonsPublicSchoolDecPages)

Having an official Facebook page, enables us to harness the communication power of social media and connect more effectively with the wider community. The page contains important updates, reminders and links to useful information on our website. Why don't you check us out – and 'Like' us!

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

**21/2/2014**

**Meet the Teacher BBQ  
5pm- 7pm**

**24/2/2014**

**Yr 6 Wooglemai Excursion**

**24/2/2014**

**Speech Therapy Program  
commences for 2014**

**25/2/2014**

**K-2 Active After School**

**27/2/2014**

**3-6 Active After School  
K-6 Scripture Classes start**

**28/2/2014**

**PSSA Sport Commences  
Clean Up Schools Day**

**5/3/2014**

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

## **Sport Highlights**

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

**Prestons PS  
PSSA Sport**

**Students who are selected for PSSA teams are required to pay their sport fees prior to the season commencing. For more information, refer to the PSSA permission note or contact the office.**

## School Information

### Assembly Information

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

**3-6** – Every **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday- Even Weeks** commencing at **2.15pm**

### P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be open

**Thursdays and Fridays**  
**from 8.30am.**

The shop is located behind the hall and will be open on these days for approximately 1 hour.

### 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.

### 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. Those students not selected this term will be considered for Term 2.

## Prestons Public School Award System

Do you know how to achieve your final goal. Follow the steps below.

Did you know your certificates carry over from year to year? So if you have 1 or 2 awards from last year, add them to this year's awards to advance to the next level.



## Library News

Borrowing for students will commence next week.

Students must have a library bag before they will be allowed to borrow a book to bring home.

Library bags can be purchased from the office for \$5.00.

## Back to school

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-2014>

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

**KL** - Daniel  
**KS** - Taylin  
**K/1RB** - Deserai  
**1J** - Adan  
**1M** - Arshia  
**1S** - Layla  
**2H** - Cita  
**2M** - Dania  
**2V** - Blake

## VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

### What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?

This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

### How Much?

The voluntary contribution for 2014 is: \$30 per family.

**Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!**

### What Will The Money Be Used For?

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

# Classroom Chat with .....

## Take a peak in 2H!



This week the girls and boys in 2H have been working really hard in literacy groups. We have been learning about lots of different strategies that we can use to help us when we are reading.



We have been playing lots of literacy games that teach us how to blend our sounds together when we are reading and writing words.



The girls and boys in 2H are very enthusiastic about creative arts. This week we have been working on a lovely door display for our classroom.

## 3B

Five Minutes with 3B!

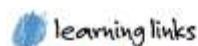
3B consists of 26 lovely students. They've been working very hard to get into the routine and expectations of a Stage Two class.

The students are using the skills they developed in TEN numeracy groups to assist them in completing TOWN multiplication and place value activities. The students show great enthusiasm for TOWN Time and are using the language learnt to explain their understanding of their new tasks.

In literacy, students are enjoying reading some books. In "My Place" students have been researching places around the world and learning about the many different people who have migrated to Australia. In "I am Jack" 3B are understanding the effects that bullying can have on another person.

At the beginning of the year 3B set learning goals for themselves. They are working hard to achieve them.





## Free parent workshop in the Liverpool LGA

### Understanding Bullying

Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

**Date:** Wednesday 9th April, 2014  
**Time:** 6:00pm—9:00pm  
**Venue:** Kemps Creek Public School  
 100 Cross Street, Kemps Creek NSW 2171  
**Cost:** FREE for parents and carers\*

**To Register:** Call (02) 8568 8200  
 Bookings essential.

\* Proudly supported by Kemps Creek Sporting and Bowling Club.

#### Your Presenter

Anita Sedbrook is a registered Psychologist and Teacher who has been working in the public and private sectors for the past 15 years.

Currently working as a school counselor for the Department of Education and Training, she provides individual and group counselling services to students from preschool—year 12.

In addition to this Anita is a Presenter with Learning Links delivering programs to parents and professionals in the areas of Bullying, Resilience Building and other topics.

She holds a BA of Education and BA of Science (Psychology) with Honours along with a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



## 2014 NETBALL REGISTRATION

Would you like to play netball this year?

Then why not play for Prestons Netball Club.

Seniors - 18 years and over:	\$160.00
Juniors - 10 to 17 years:	\$95.00
Moddies - 9 & under:	\$80.00

We are currently registering players for this season. If you would like to be part of this great club then contact one of the people below.

**Registrar – Karen 0409 554 810**

**President – Angie 0408 112 809**



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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!

