



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We are very lucky at Prestons Public School. Aside from the few minor issues that happen in ALL schools throughout the world, we have a wonderful group of students and staff (and community members too) who are focused on the task of learning and working together. Tolerance, perseverance, resilience and respect are the qualities and values that we teach our students everyday, and these attributes can be witnessed both in the classroom and when walking through the playground at lunch. To further strengthen these qualities across the student community, our Peer Support Program will be commencing tomorrow, whereby student leaders from Year 6 will lead small groups of fellow students from K-5 in a variety of cooperative learning activities. I am sure that this program will be a HUGE success, and I look forward to hearing about the wonderful learning experiences that the students engage in.

WHAT TEACHERS WANT YOU TO KNOW – Part 1

Don't be a stranger!

Talk to your child's teacher early and when you feel the need. Parent-teacher conferences shouldn't be the only time you connect. (We appreciate that so many of you have taken the time to introduce yourself to your child's teacher at the recent Meet the teacher BBQ. We hope you have found out the best way to make contact in the future.) Send in your email address and mobile number.

Learning doesn't stop at 3.00pm

You can help the teacher do a better job by encouraging your children to show you something they are working on at school. Every time your children get a chance to show off what they know, it builds confidence.

Stay involved

Give support and be your child's cheerleader no matter how well (or poorly) they did in a certain subject. We don't expect you to be an expert on every subject. Just knowing their parent is paying attention can be very motivating for a student.

Teachers are on your side — give them the benefit of the doubt

Some parents go into attack mode when their child complains about a teacher or they take the problem to the Principal, so the teacher feels blindsided. This is where a good relationship helps, as a quick chat can usually sort things out before it all escalates.

Acknowledgement: "What Teachers Wish You Knew. Parents, pull up a chair: Here's how to help your kids do their very best at school" by Lisa Collier Cool.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

7/3/2014

Peer Support Program commences

13/3/2014

Selective High School Test

18/3/2014

Regional Swimming Carnival

19/3/2014

Book Club Due

21/3/2014

Harmony Day

31/3/2014

Toon School – Stage 3

2/4/2014

School Disco

10/4/2014

Earth Day

Sport Highlights

PSSA

Friday 7th March

Oztag – Woodward Park, Liverpool.

Students will depart from school at 12noon with games scheduled to commence at 12.50pm.

School Information

Assembly Information

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

Date	Host Class
12 th March	2M
19 th March	1J
26 th March	1S
2 nd April	1M
9 th April	K/1RB

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

Date	Host Class
	Captains
20 th March	5/6R
2 nd April	5/6T

Book Club

Issue 2 brochures have been distributed to students. Please ensure orders are returned by Wednesday 19th March.



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.



Ballet | Jazz | Hip hop | Tap
Cheerleading | Acrobatics | Irish
Singing | Drama

Teaching students 2 years and up

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School Banking News

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL

THIS SUMMER!

Complete 3 deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between **28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014** to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 \$50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

**GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU
SAVE!**



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.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

- KL** - Shania & Shayaan
- KS** - Lara
- K/1RB** - Sabah
- 1J** - Oscar
- 1M** - Jasmine
- 1S** - Jozalyn
- 2M** - Jessica
- 2H** - Shontaye
- 2V** - Evynn
- 3B** - Fajr & Connor
- 3S** - Jamal & Faye
- 3/4S** - Amy & Shushant
- 4C** - Jaymyn & Brenden
- 4S** - Jaydan & Aiden
- 4/5J** - Sarah & Krishneel
- 5/6H** - Laney & Umar
- 5/6M** - Hannah & Mina
- 5/6T** - Aaliya & Vineet
- 5/6R** - Joshnald & Ella

Science Assignment Starters

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters>

Classroom Chat with

KS

KS has settled well into school routines. They are working hard in learning their sounds, letters and sight words.



Miss Kinnavong and Mrs Gilbert help KS with their work during writing and group activities.

I go to school.

By Ergun

I am a boy and I can run.

By Andrew Lee

I go to the swimming pool.

By Taylin

In Mathematics, KS are working in groups to learn counting, reading and writing of numbers.



4/5J

We are already in week 6 ... how the term has flown by!! The home reading scheme has started. Please ensure that your child is reading at night to increase their reading skills and fluency. Students are expected to borrow at least 1 book each week. They are able to borrow as frequently as they would like to. If your child isn't a confident reader, reading aloud to someone each night can be very beneficial.

Maths groups are currently happening across the Stage 3 classes including 4/5J. Your child will be given homework by their maths teacher each Monday and should check with their teacher which day it is due back. It will make it easier to return and mark this work if there is a separate book for class homework and maths homework.

Class homework is handed out each Monday and is due back on Friday. Spare copies of this homework are hanging up in 4/5J, if your child is away on the Monday when it is handed out or if they misplace it. It is your child's responsibility to ensure that they collect it and return it every week.

4/5J participated in 'Clean Up Australia Day' on Tuesday 4th March. Well done to all the students who were so enthusiastic about keeping Prestons Public School clean. Let's hope this continues throughout the year.



Prestons PS participating in “Clean up Australia Day”



CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



Another amazing week included:

- Some of our top year 10 & Physics students attended a video conference with Dr Vandi Tompkins of NASA who drives the Mars Rovers. We got to ask many questions such as “Do you think we will find life on Mars?”. Her answer was “Yes”. A great opportunity with the added thrill of having the media along for the ride. You may have even seen us on channel 7!
- Our year 9 & 10 students have entered the Write 4 Fun competition in English. Student’s anthologies will be published.
- One of our great International students was recognised for outstanding academic and community service at the International Student Recognition Day Presentation.
- Our year 10 Music students have written their own lyrics to perform at the Casula showcase.
- Our fitness club has gained momentum. A girls fitness club will commence as a result of the positive impact on our students.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270.

Emily Signorini, Transition Co-ordinator

Families to host a Japanese student 7th-11th or 21st-26th August 2014

Students are aged 14-17 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide:

- ✓ a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
- ✓ 3 meals a day
- ✓ daily transport to/from Thomas Hassall Anglican School

Families are paid \$50 per night for hosting.

Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366

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