



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Yesterday the school held our annual Parent/Teacher interviews. It was great to see so many parents make use of this valuable opportunity to gain greater insight into the education and progress of their child/children. Attending Parent/Teacher interviews also provides students with a tangible example of how their parents value education, and it really strengthens the home/school partnership. Thank you to all the parents who participated in this process. I hope you all found it to be a valuable exercise. A HUGE thank you also to the members of the P&C who operated a small canteen, selling tea, coffee and snacks to our community. It is always a pleasure to see such a dedicated group of people supporting our school.

If you did not get the opportunity to have an interview with your child's teacher, you can still organise one for another time by contacting the school office.

### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week, our school will be hosting a number of activities to celebrate "Education Week 2014". A list of the activities can be found on the back page of today's newsletter. I hope to see you all here during the week!

### PRINCIPAL FOR A SESSION

One of our activities to celebrate Education Week this year, is "Principal for a Session". All students were invited to write a short text, outlining "What makes you proud to be a student at Prestons Public School?" The best submission from each class was then selected to be 'Principal for a Session'. The staff were VERY IMPRESSED with the work produced by the students, a number of these compositions will be posted onto our school website and Facebook page. The winning students from each class will now join me for a session next Tuesday, to 'step into my shoes' and be the Principal for a session. Stay tuned for photos!

### DENTAL CLINIC

In Week 4, we will be having a dental clinic visiting the school. Notes for this were sent home last term, with additional notes reissued last week. If you would like your child to access this service, please complete the forms and send them back to school.

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

**24/7/2014**

Debate – Prestons PS V  
Liverpool PS

**28/7/2014 – 1/8/2014**  
EDUCATION WEEK

**28/7/2014**

Teddy Bears Picnic

**28/7/2014 – 1/8/2014**  
Swim Scheme (Week 3)

**4/8/2014**

Dental Clinic at Prestons PS

**4/8/2014**

Footsteps Dance Program  
Commences

## Sport Highlights

### PSSA Winter Sport

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July Venues

Netball – Woodward Park,  
Liverpool

Girls Soccer – Phillip Park

Boys Soccer – Phillip Park

Rugby League – Hillier Oval

Students depart school at  
12 noon with games scheduled  
to commence at approximately  
12.30pm

## School Information

### Assembly Information

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

Date	Host Class
30 <sup>th</sup> July	KS
6 <sup>th</sup> August	2V

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

Date	Host Class
7 <sup>th</sup> August	3/4S
21 <sup>st</sup> August	4S

### Kindergarten 2015



We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

Children who turn 5 by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2015.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

## Toddler Story time



Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20 on Tuesday afternoons. Throughout the afternoon they will be involved in reading, drama and art activities. Parents and carers must attend with, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times.



## Reminder!! Stage 3 Canberra Excursion



If you would like for your child to attend the Canberra overnight excursion in Term 3, please return the expression of interest form and your non-refundable deposit of \$50 to the office as soon as possible.

**The total cost for this excursion is \$185.** For those students who have paid their \$50 deposit, the balance outstanding is \$135. Parents can finalise this balance by making regular part payments or by one full payment.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

**KL** - Mohammed  
**KS** - Ergun  
**K/1RB**- Sicily  
**1J** - Elina  
**1M** - Jessica  
**1S** - Shruti  
**2H** - Griffen  
**2M** - Rohmanah  
**2V** - Brenden

## Book Club



Issue 5 has been distributed to students and orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014.



## Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

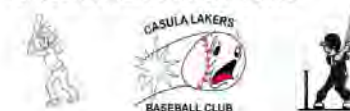
The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Tuesday 29th July 2014 6pm - 8.00pm	Liverpool City Council, Blue Gum Room, Level 5, 33 Moore St, Liverpool 2170	9821 8835 or 9821 8838

Helping learner drivers  
become safe drivers



## CASULA LAKERS BASEBALL CLUB



We are holding our Annual Try Baseball days again this year and we would like to invite you to come down to Daruk Park and see why Baseball is a great sport for you and your kids to play and enjoy.

Our Try Baseball days are designed to show young players from 5 - 16 years of age what the basic skills of the sport are and to show just how enjoyable and interactive this sport can be.

### Try Baseball Days

Where: Daruk Park (Behind Casula Mall Kurrajong Rd)  
When: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Time: 10am to 2 pm  
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 - 16 years  
Cost: Free  
All participants will receive a free sausage sizzle and a drink.

Enquiries: [casulalakersbb@gmail.com](mailto:casulalakersbb@gmail.com)  
David 0407 888 668

\* Registrations will also be held on these days.

## Classroom Chat with .....

### 5/6R

5/6 R students are already immersing themselves in what is shaping up to be a busy Term 3.

Looking forward to the term ahead, 5/6 R is excited about its two major focuses in HSIE and Science - Government and Earth's Place in Space.

The term's focus in HSIE is on Government and students will learn all about the three levels of Government and their roles in Australia. The HSIE unit will culminate with the trip to Parliament House and the overnight stay in Canberra - very exciting!

In Science, we have already discussed the way in which scientific beliefs change over time as we learn more about the world. 'Earth's Place in Space' also gives us the chance to learn about the importance of the Sun and the way in which the Earth, Moon, Sun and other planets interact in our solar system. Of particular interest to the class is the role space travel may play in our future and what chance there is of human settlement on other planets. We hope to develop a better understanding of these issues throughout the unit.

On Wednesday evening, at the parent teacher interviews, it was a pleasure to meet the parents of the wonderful students of 5/6 R. For those parents that I didn't meet yesterday, I am sure I will see you around the school at different stages and I look forward to working in partnership with both parents and students of 5/6 R for the remainder of the year.

Mr Wilson



## Stage 3 Scientists

A group of Year 5 students are participating in a Science Enrichment program at Casula H.S. each Wednesday afternoon during Term 3.



The students have accepted the exciting challenge of undertaking their own research project through CREST (Creativity in Science & Technology).

During the first session yesterday the students had the opportunity to use Benedict's Solution and heating apparatus to test for sugars in pasta, a cookie, bread and sultanas. Surprisingly the bread and pasta contain sugar!



Our Scientists at work!







Monday 28th July

Education Week Begins

## **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**

Join the Kindergarten students as they celebrate 100 days of School, with a variety of activities and a special Teddy Bears Picnic.

Tuesday 29th July *Students will be given the composition proforma on Monday 21.7.14*

Students K-6 are invited to write a short composition: "What I am most proud about my school." One student from each class will be chosen to step into Mr Greentree's shoes for a short period of time and be Principal for a session!

Principal for a session

Wednesday 30th July

My School

Students will be asked to create an artwork that reflects their favourite thing they like doing here at Prestons PS. These artworks will be collected and showcased throughout the school during the term.

Thursday 31st July

## **Open Day\***

**\* Parents and Friends**

Are invited to join us for recess then visit our classrooms. Come and see the wonderful learning that takes place here at Prestons!

Recess commences at 1:40pm  
Open Classrooms commence at 2:15pm



Friday 1st August

Come and catch us at sport!\*

If you can't make our Open Day\* on Thursday, you might like to come and watch one of our sport sessions!

**School Sport**  
Early Stage 1 - 9:00 - 10:00am  
Stage 1 - 10:00am - 11:00am  
Stage 3 - 11:40am - 12:40pm  
Stage 2 - 12:40pm - 1:40pm  
PSSA 12:45pm - 2:20pm