



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

### EDUCATION WEEK

As I write this week's newsletter, Education Week 2014 is coming to a close. And what a week it has been!!!

On Monday, we opened education week with our Annual Teddy Bears Picnic, the students, staff and parents had a great time picnicking in the Kindy Playground area, doing a variety of activities and celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege and pleasure of being shadowed by a wonderful group of students, as they experienced what it was like to be 'Principal for a Session'. The students took the experience VERY seriously, and got to sample a number of tasks that I complete on a daily basis. Some of the students also updated calendar events and posted photos of their experience on the school webpage. (With a little assistance.)

On Wednesday, our students created artworks that showcased what they liked about our great school. I look forward to displaying these around the school and on our website over the next few weeks.

Today, we held our Open Classroom session. It was great to see families come up to the school and watch some of the great things that happen in our classrooms everyday.

Tomorrow, we will conclude education week with our sport sessions. (Hopefully the weather will be accommodating!) Sport sessions will be as follows: Kindergarten – 9am -10am, Years 1&2 10am-11am, Years 5&6 11:40am-12:40pm, and Year 3&4 12:40pm – 1:40pm. PSSA Sport will commence at approx. 12:30pm.

If you would like to check some of our Education Week photos or writing, please go to our website – [www.prestons-p.school](http://www.prestons-p.school) and follow the links.

### PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Students in Year 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the 2014 Premier's Spelling Bee. A copy of the spelling list for both the Junior (Years 3&4) and Senior (Years 5&6) spelling list have been posted on our website. These can be accessed at :

<http://www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/academic-opportunities>

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**4/8/2014**  
Footsteps Dance Program  
Commences

**11/8/2014**  
Dental Clinic at Prestons PS

**12/8/2014**  
ICAS Math Test

**12/8/2014**  
P&C Meeting 6pm

**14/8/2014**  
Milo Cup

## Sport Highlights

### PSSA Winter Sport

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August Venues

**Netball** – Woodward Park,  
Liverpool

**Girls Soccer** – Bye

**Boys Soccer** – Bye

**Rugby League** – Jardine Park

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
6 <sup>th</sup> August	2V
13 <sup>th</sup> August	2H

**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.

### Group Photos

School group photos are on display on the school notice board. Order forms are available from the office if you are interested in purchasing a photo of Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains, Library Monitors, PALS and SRC.

## 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.



## Book Club



Issue 5 has now closed please allow 10 days for delivery. Orders will be sent to children

## 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.

## Active after School

Active after School has commenced for Term 3, 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 3. Students not selected this term will be considered for Term 4.

## Swimming Scheme

Prestons PS have been participating in the swim scheme this week. Here are some pictures.



### 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.

## HURLSTONE COUNTRY FAIR & OPEN DAY

**30th August 2014**  
**Saturday 10am to 3pm**  
50m from Glenfield Railway Station  
Gold Coin Entrance Fee



Boarding School Tours  
Farm Tours



Rides



Stalls

*Great Day  
Out for  
the Whole  
Family*



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# Classroom Chat with .....

## 3S

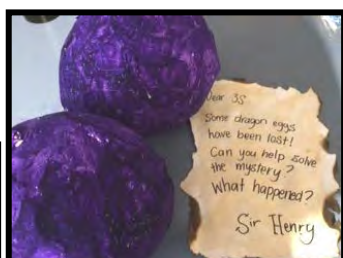
Wow what a start to Term 3. It has been extremely busy. Swim scheme, Education Week, Spelling Bee to name a few. The students in 3S have been focussed on respectful listening and that has made a big improvement to our learning.

This week dragon eggs appeared in our classroom. It was exciting and an inspiration to our writing. Many of the students were amazed at the dragon eggs and the writing the students produced was fantastic.

3S has also been involved in writing and performing a variety of plays. The students have enjoyed this type of writing and are able to develop their story through their own characters.

Remember to bring all equipment to school each day. A lead pencil, glue stick and an eraser are essential. It is encouraging to see so many students in 3S continue to take part in the home reading program.

If your child is interested in trying out for the Spelling Bee log onto the school website for the Junior Spelling Lists. We have started to practise in class for the finals in week 5. Details regarding the Stage 2 Final Spelling Bee will be published in the school newsletter next week.



## KL NEWS

If you go down to KL today  
You're sure of a big surprise.  
If you go down to KL today  
You won't believe your eyes.  
We've been at school for 100 days  
We've learnt so much in many ways.  
We'll celebrate today  
With our Teddy Bears' picnic.



It's hard to believe that we have been at school for 100 days. KL tried to imagine 100. We counted to 100. We wondered what we would look like when we are 100 years old.

- very wrinkly skin
- need a walking stick
- grey hair
- much taller and fatter
- no teeth
- very long fingernails!!!



How would we spend \$100?

We would buy...

- a huge box of Lego
- a castle for a princess
- some fish for my tank
- some chocolates
- a new hat
- a real shark
- a fishing boat

# **Parent English Classes**

**If you would like to develop your conversational English skills then our parent English classes are for you!**

**Week 5 - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
9am-10:00am**

**A Meet and Greet morning tea for any interested parents. Come along and listen to our ideas for the parent English classes and share your ideas.**



**Beginning in Week 5 this term, we will be trialling some Parent English Classes. The purpose of these classes will be to assist parents to develop their English skills so that they can confidently communicate in everyday situations such as at school, home or the shopping centre.**

**Class content will be developed based on the needs and interests of parents attending.**

**Weekly classes will be run by Mrs Naicker and Mrs Claydon on a Wednesday morning, 9am-10:30am.**