



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

PARENT ENGLISH CLASSES AT PRESTONS PS

Yesterday, the first of our Parent English Classes was held, and it was great to see such a positive turn out! Mrs Naicker, Mrs Claydon and 'a few helpers' have redesigned one of our classrooms to make it a great learning environment for our parents - complete with a crèche for toddlers to play in during the classes. If you were unable to attend, or know someone who would benefit from attending, please contact the school, or come along next Wednesday morning at 9am.

P&C MEETING

On Tuesday night, a few dedicated members gathered together in the staffroom for our first P&C meeting for Term 3. Although there were a couple of new faces, it would be great to see a lot more parents attending to give a true representative view of our whole school community. During the meeting a number of issues were discussed, including: changes to staffing; the purchase and installation of a new school sign; the purchase of new sports shirts/jerseys; the implementation of new learning programs; Father's Day stall organisation; and the organisation of the Family Movie Night next term.

I encourage you all to come and join us for the next P&C meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 2nd September (Week 8).

CAR PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

A request from a local community member has been made to the school – regarding the parking of cars before and after school in Box Road and the adjoining streets. Some of our parents are NOT obeying the road rules and are parking illegally across resident's driveways. Please ensure that you follow the road rules and show courtesy to our neighbours. Council rangers have advised that they will be randomly visiting our school to issue infringement notices to drivers who fail to follow the rules. Save yourself some money – and set a positive example for our students – by following the road rules around our school.

ISSUES WITH STUDENTS – COME AND TELL US!!

Every now and then, issues arise between students that need to be dealt with in order to ensure that our school remains a place where EVERYONE is happy, engaged and motivated to learn. If you become aware of an issue, please tell us ASAP so that we can deal with the issue in the most effective and timely manner. Please DO NOT approach students yourself, as this will only escalate the issue. We are highly effective in what we do – so leave it to us to ensure that EVERYBODY wins!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

15/8/2014

Yr 3-6 Athletics Assembly

18/8/2014

Footsteps Dance

18/8/2014

Dental Clinic

20/8/2014

Parent English Class

26/8/2014

Zone Athletics Carnival

9/9/2014

LAaff rehearsal & night performance

10/9/2014

Mini Fair

18/9 & 19/9/2014

Stage 3 Canberra

Sport Highlights

PSSA Winter Sport

Friday 15th August Venues

Netball – Woodward Park, Liverpool

Girls Soccer – Ireland Park, Liverpool

Boys Soccer – Ireland Park, Liverpool

Rugby League – Jardine Park, Casula

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
20 th August	2M
27 th August	1J
3 rd September	1S

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

Date	Host Class
21 st August	3/4S
4 th September	3S

Kindergarten 2015



We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Children who turn 5 by the 31st July 2015 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2015. Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Bookclub

Issue 6 brochures have been distributed to students. Orders for this issue are due back to the office by Thursday 28th August.

Group Photos

Group photos of Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Library Monitors, PALS and SRC are on display in the school notice board. Order forms are available from the office. All orders must be returned to school by **Thursday 28th August, 2014**



Lost Property

To help with lost items being returned to your child, please ensure that you label all items of clothing, especially hats and jumpers, with your child's name.

Lost property is sought through regularly. Items that are clearly labelled are returned to classrooms.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Award Assembly

On Friday 15th August there will be an assembly commencing at 9.30am in the Hall to present Years 3-6 students with their awards from the athletics carnival. Eight year old students from Year 2 who participated will also attend the assembly.



Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Reminder notes have been sent home with students regarding payments that are due.

All outstanding balances must be finalised by Wednesday 27th August.



School Banking

All bank books need to be handed in at the office each Wednesday morning by 9.30am. Bank books that are handed in late will not be processed.

Toddler Story Time



Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20pm 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.



Update of Information

There are times when the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that student records are accurate and kept up to date.

If you have changed your address, telephone number, or need to update your emergency contact person please contact the office or send a note with your updated details.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 2014 Premiers Spelling Bee winners.

Stage 3 - Winner - Ella - 5/6R
Runner up - Derek - 5/6H

Stage 2 – Winner - Ashley - 3B
Runner up – Andrea – 4S

These 4 students will be representing Prestons Public School at the Regional Finals. Well Done!

Fit and Healthy Tennis Lessons
available at Club Marconi Tennis Centre.

Bookings & enquiries
9822 3336

Like Us on www.facebook.com/marconitennisandsquash
Location - Club Marconi Prairievale Rd, Bossley Park.

Prestons Hornets Cricket Club

Prestons Hornets Cricket Club are looking for boys and girls (all ages) to play cricket this season, starting in September. For further information please contact

Dave on 0401 654 207



Classroom Chat with

1S is Bugtastic

This term during Science we are learning about bugs, insects and creepy crawlies.

Everyone enjoyed exploring the school grounds and going on our bug hunt.

We have 2 new visitors in our class this term - our pet stick insects.

Most of the boys and girls overcame their fear of creepy crawlies and held the stick insects, but some of us are still not brave enough.

Well done to everyone who handed in their backyard safari project. I hope you enjoyed exploring your backyard.



During shared reading time 1S are listening to and discussing the book "The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me" by Roald Dahl.

In our TEN groups we have been focusing on doubles and how they can help us as a maths strategy.

5/6M

In writing, students have been provided with opportunities to plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. This included designing and publishing an advertising poster about visiting a planet in the Solar System.

In Science, we are learning about *Earth's place in Space*. Here, students are studying the elements of Solar System and Earth's position within it. Students will also explore how the patterns in the sky relate to days, months and years.

Students are also learning about the State and Federal Government and its development over time. Students will investigate the structure, roles and responsibilities of the government at a state and federal level.

Keep up the great work 5/6M!

Mrs Madern

Advertising Poster by Kush, Ajay and Julian



Advertising Poster by Janelle, Shaaniya and Reem



Library News...

Premier's Reading Challenge for this year must be finalised by 11.59pm on 22nd August, 2014.

Records must be completed by then for students to be eligible for the 2014 certificate. If your children are nearly there, please make sure they have recorded their books so that I can validate their entries. Students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two are completing the Challenge as part of their Library lesson and we will record their books for them at school.

If your child is recording their books in The Premier's Reading Challenge themselves, below are instructions on how to enter their books on the website.

1. Log on to the internet, any browser will do.
2. In Google type DET Portal. Go to 'my portal login page'
3. Type in user name. Usually first name – full stop – last name. Eg: natalie.hawkins
Some students may have a number at the end but generally they know.
4. Type in password
5. Go to Premier's Reading Challenge.
6. Students can record the books they read.



Please see Mrs Hawkins or Miss McMaster in the Library most days after school for help. If you are having trouble getting on to the web site, please come and see me as soon as possible.

Children in Kindergarten will be doing the challenge with their class teachers and I will record their books in August. If you would like Mrs Hawkins or Miss McMaster to record your books for you, your yellow reading log **MUST** be handed into the Library by Tuesday 19th August.

Mrs Natalie Hawkins: Librarian

Parent English Classes

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

**Week 6 - Wednesday 20th August
9am-10:30am**

Topic - Everyday English
Come along and practise your everyday, conversational English!



Beginning in Week 5 this term, we began trialling some Parent English Classes. The purpose of these classes is 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.

HURLSTONE COUNTRY FAIR & OPEN DAY

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



*Great Day
Out for
the Whole
Family*



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