



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Captain Speeches for 2016

On Monday 30th November (Week 9), the Year 5 candidates for School Captain 2016 will be presenting their speeches to the students prior to the elections. Parents and carers of the candidates are warmly invited to join us for this event. The speeches are scheduled from 9:30-11am in the School Hall.

The Year 5 candidates for House Captain 2016 will be presenting their speeches on Wednesday 2nd December.

STUDENT SAFETY #1 PRIORITY

At Prestons Public School, we put a number of processes and procedures in place to ensure student safety. Sometimes accidents happen (which can't be avoided), but if we follow process, policy and procedures we can hopefully cut down on PREVENTABLE accidents. Here are a few NON NEGOTIABLE procedures/rules that must be followed:

1. ALL visitors (parents included) who are visiting classrooms or students during school time, MUST go through the Front Office FIRST. (This does not include parents attending assemblies or Open Days)
2. ALL scooters and bikes must be WALKED through the school grounds. Additionally, all students who ride a bike to school MUST wear a helmet. (If students are not wearing a helmet when riding, they will not be permitted to ride their bike to school).
3. Please be mindful when entering and exiting the school. Make sure you are always walking out of the school grounds.
4. The CAR PARK is a NO GO ZONE for students and parents.

Please help us to keep our students safe.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Yesterday Miss Higgins and Miss Myers took a group of students down to Kmart Casula to unveil the Kmart Christmas Tree. Students sang carols and placed presents under the tree. Students made our school proud and sang with great enthusiasm.

Elissa Beavis
Assistant Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 23/11/2015
Stage 3 "GREASE"
- 1/12/2015
K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day
- 2/12/2015
School Disco
- 7/12/2015
Year 6 Farewell
- 9/12/2015
Sport Presentation Day
- 10/12/2015
Presentation Day
- 14/12/2015
Year 6 Bowling & Laser Tag
Year 5 Fun Day
- 16/12/2015
Students last day
- 17 & 18/12/2015
Staff Development Days -
office open
- 27/1/2016
Staff Return - office open
- 28/1/2016
Students Yr 1 to 6 return
- 1/2/2016
Kindergarten commence

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday 20th November

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park,
Liverpool

Please ensure your child has their
hat, sunscreen and plenty of
drinks.

Students depart school at 9.30am
and will return to school by
12.30pm

School Information

Assembly Information

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

Date	Host Class
25 th November	2W
2 nd December	2/3J

3-6 – Will be held Every Thursday commencing at **2.15pm**

Date	Host Class
19 th November	Captains
26 th November	3/4P

Book Club



Issue 8 Book Club orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 25th November.

Office News

If your child is **not** returning to Prestons Public School in 2016 it is requested that you notify the office in writing advising which school your child will be transferring to.

If your child will not be starting back at school on the 28th of January 2016 due to extended holidays, can you please notify the office with the expected return date.



K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day

Notes have gone home for the K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day on **Tuesday 1st December**.



Students will be watching the animated film "Hotel Transylvania 2".

The cost of this excursion is \$16.00. Permission notes and payment are due to the office by 25th November.

Year 6 End of Year Activities

7th December – Yr 6 Farewell
Liverpool Catholic Club - cost \$30

14th December – Bowling & Laser Tag
cost \$25

15th December – Sports Day



16th December – Farewell Circle at 2.40pm



Week 6 Puzzle

A snail is at the bottom of a well.
The well is thirty metres deep.
The snail advances three metres in one day.
During the night, the snail slides back two metres.
How many days will it take the snail to reach the top of the well?

Week 6 Answer: 12 socks



As part of their fundraising, Year 6 will be hosting a school Disco.

This will be held on:

Wednesday 2nd December

Where: School Hall

When: Wednesday 2nd December

K-2 - 5:00pm-6:00pm

3-6 - 6:15pm-7:30pm

Cost: \$5 (includes free glowstick)

Permission notes will be sent home with students closer to the date.



Prestons Public School is using the Skoolbag App to keep parents informed. Follow the instructions below to download for iPhone & iPad users.

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

More information and download instructions for other devices can be found at: www.skoolbag.com.au/

Classroom Chat with

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Term 4 is always busy and there is no exception this year. There are too many activities going on.

During Reading Groups, we have Mrs Beavis and Miss Christenson helping us. They are supporting the students to get equipped with different comprehension strategies for year 3.



Students look forward to Tuesdays when they do an Art Program with Ms Ullrich. They are sketching, drawing, printing, painting and so on.



In PDHPE, students are doing gymnastics and they are enjoying it thoroughly. They are performing different locomotor and non-locomotor skills, such as static balance and skipping.

In Science, students work with Mrs Ellis and this term the topic is Push-Pull. They enjoy participating in different experiments.

3/4V

Well... as expected our school excursion was a fantastic, fun-filled day. Here are some of our thoughts and feelings about our highlights of the day...

Mikayla's Report

On the 17th of November 2015, the year 3 and 4 students from Prestons Public School went on an excursion to visit some significant sites in our city of Sydney. We walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Some people were **anxious** to cross it. But once we all got the hang of it, it wasn't that bad. We enjoyed our afternoon break at the Sydney Opera House.

Findings and Feelings by Christina

On the Sydney Harbour Bridge, there were big cracks!! There were panoramic views which were blurred from the wind... And I was very **scared!** My legs and arms were shaking, so I was holding onto my friends hand very tightly. I was **relieved** when I got off the bridge. In the harbour water I saw a lot of plastic and litter. It makes me sad for the creatures that live in the polluted waters.

Griffens Point of View

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was my favourite part. It was fun. As I bravely walked along the bridge, I felt goose bumps all over my arms and legs. We were so high up! It was the best experience seeing the city from that perspective.



34V all agree that the 3 kilometre walk along the Sydney Harbour Bridge is an activity that would be great to experience again with our families these coming Summer Holidays. The picturesque view is magical!! It will take your breath away!!

SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY 2015 (YEARS 2-6)

The 3rd Annual Sports Presentation will be held at Prestons Public School on **Wednesday 9th December (Week 9)**. The ceremony will commence at **9:30am** in the Hall.

Come and celebrate the sporting achievements of our students in 2015.

Our special guests at the assembly will be **Mr Sione Katoa and Mr Josh Hall - Penrith Panthers NRL team members.**

Hope to see you all there!



PRESENTATION DAY 2015 (K - 6)

The **2015 School Presentation Day** will be held on **Thursday 10th December (Week 9)** in the School Hall.

The presentation ceremony will begin at **9:30am**. Come and join us to celebrate the students' academic and creative achievements.



Hope to see you there!



School Student Transport Scheme Applications

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant

parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region.

Just like current paper travel passes, the school opal card gives eligible students

free travel to and from school on school days.

Students with school travel passes this year will have automatic renewal and do not need to apply for a school opal card.

Students who are changing schools, their home address **or moving from year 2 to 3** will need to apply.

The application can be found at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call **131 500**

Students who do not need to apply will have a school opal card sent to school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

This week at Casula High School:

- Thank you to year 9 Whitely and the school choir for hosting and leading our Remembrance Day Ceremony on the 11th of November. It was a beautiful ceremony filled with reflection and respect. We will remember them.
- 2 teachers and 8 students were recently selected to attend C and A at the ABC. They appreciated the quality dialogue and opportunity to meet some high profile individuals.
- Our Special Education classes have been busy looking at renewable energy. Specifically they have focussed on hydro electricity and have created their own water wheel.
- Our MADD (music, art, dance and drama) students will be performing in week 7 and we are excited to have our primary school representatives join us for our matinee audience.



- Our year 7 Maths students have been engaged as they discover all about perimeter using Minecraft.
- Our school captains and vice captains recently attended the Student Leadership Network meeting where they shared ideas about student led programmes happening in our school.
- A huge congratulations to our students who competed at the International History Bee and Bowl. We had students place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the individual varsity competition, and 3rd in the individual junior competition. Both varsity and junior teams made the finals and beat last years state champions to get there. An amazing achievement!

For more updates on our exciting achievements why not like us on Facebook? Find us at www.facebook.com/casulahighschool

If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270. Emily Signorini, Transition Co-ordinator