



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

### WELCOME EVERYONE!

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome everyone back for what is sure to be another productive and successful year at Prestons Public School. I would especially like to welcome all **our new students and their families** to the Prestons Public School community. I'm sure that you are already aware of what a wonderful school this is, and I'm certain that you will enjoy your experiences here as your child/children share their educational journey with us. I would also like to welcome our new members of staff - Mrs Webb and Mrs Alterio. Mrs Webb will be teaching one of our Year 2 classes this year, while Mrs Alterio joins our wonderful office staff.

### CLASS REORGANISATION - WEEK 4

Due to a significant increase in our enrolments since the beginning of the year, it has become necessary for us to reorganise classes to maximise the learning potential of EVERY child. It is expected that this change will occur in WEEK 4. The changes will only affect some students in Kindergarten to Year 3, as we need to form a new class to accommodate our growing numbers. Families of students who will be affected by the changes will be contacted during the week, prior to the classes reforming.

### COMPOSITE CONCERNS

A few parents have voiced some concerns about the classing structure this year, specifically the composite classes in Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4). A number of these concerns have been based around fears that students in these classes are disadvantaged because the teachers have to teach 'two grades at the same time'. This could not be further from the truth! I would like to take the opportunity today, to explain the concept of composite classes, why they have been formed, and clear up any concerns that parents may have. Composite classes have been formed at Prestons to accommodate students in the best learning environment possible. The staff worked together carefully at the end of 2014, to match students to the appropriate classes, taking into account their academic performance, personalities, behaviour, friendship groups and even their interaction with specific staff members. As a result, we were able to form classes that are designed to maximise student learning, by engaging them and catering to their INDIVIDUAL learning needs. The Stage 3 classes (Year 5 & 6) were all composite classes last year, and the results from our students were EXCELLENT. Classes were settled, student learning was tailored to individual needs rather than just teaching what use to be perceived as 'grade content', and students had the opportunity to work with other students (of varying ability) that they never would have worked with before. This same process will occur in Stage 2 in 2015, and I am sure that it will once again produce some EXCELLENT results. If you are interested in reading some more information about composite classes, please check out:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/statistics-and-research/key-statistics-and-reports/composite-and-multiage-classes.pdf>

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

11/2/2015  
Wooglmair EEC - Year 6 excursion

18/2/2015  
Combined Swimming Carnival

18/2/2015  
Book Club orders due

20/2/2015  
Parent English Class  
9am - 10.30am

20/2/2015  
PSSA Sport commences

27/2/2015  
Clean up School Day

27/2/2015  
Meet the Teacher BBQ

### Sport Highlights

PSSA Trials for the summer season will be held over the next few weeks.

**Selected students will be required to pay the PSSA fee prior to the commencement of the competition.**

## School Information

### Assembly Information

#### Assemblies will be commencing Week 4

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

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

An Assembly Timetable will be included in next week's newsletter.

### P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be open **Friday mornings from 8.30am** for approximately 1 hour. The shop is located behind the hall.



### Kinder News

Kindergarten students will **continue to finish school at 2:45pm**. The early pick up time will end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February (week 4).

**Kindergarten students are to play on the asphalt in the morning.** The PALS playground is out of bounds before 9am, when the school bell rings parents can then walk their child to their class line.



### Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each **Wednesday morning before 9am**. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.

### 2015 Combined Swimming Trials

This year our swimming carnival will be held at the **Whitlam Leisure Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** between 9.30am and 1pm. The carnival will be combined with Casula PS and Liverpool West PS.



Notes have been sent home for students in years 3 to 6 and students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year.

**It is crucial that all students who will be attending the carnival can confidently swim a minimum of 50 metres unaided.**

Permission notes and payment of \$5 are due back to the office by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Update Of Information

If you have moved or changed your contact numbers during the school break please notify the office by phoning or by sending in a note with the updated details.

At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.



### Book Club

If your child would like to order from this issue please complete the order forms, ensuring that your child's name & class are provided and return the order form & your payment to the office.

**Orders for this issue close Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

### Year 6 Wooglemai Excursion

Notes have been sent home regarding the Year 6 training day at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre at Oakdale on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Attendance is limited to 60 students. Please hand your signed notes back into the office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.



### Toddler Story Time



**Will be commencing on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2.20pm in the library**

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.

### School Newsletter

Our school newsletter, the "Prestons Post", is distributed weekly each Thursday.

A copy is sent home with the eldest child from each family.

Weekly newsletters can also be viewed online on the schools website:

[www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### 2015 Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>

## CASULA HIGH

would like to invite future Year 7  
students to our Open Night.

Come and see our amazing facilities and meet our wonderful teachers. This event is open to years 4, 5 and 6 students.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> of February

Time: 6.30-7.30pm

Venue: Casula High School, Myall Road Casula

For any additional information please contact the school on

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f: (02) 9601 4175

e: casula-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

www.casula-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



## Parent English Classes

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

Classes will be held on Friday mornings  
9am - 10.30am  
The first class will be  
Friday 20th February



### 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 school, home  
or the shopping centre.

Class content will be displayed based on the needs and  
interests of parents attending

## Stepping Out School of Dance

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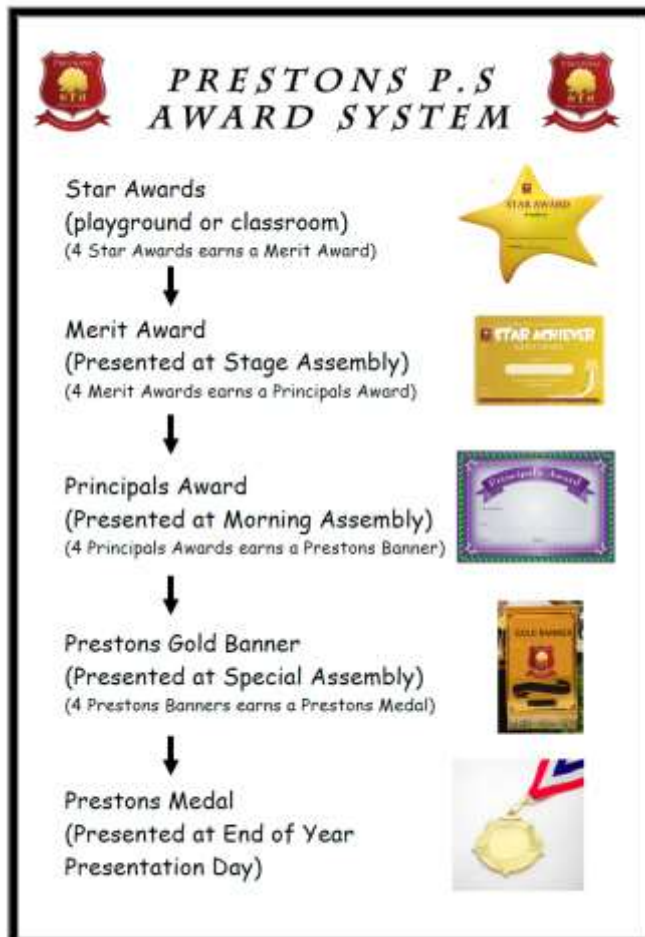


## Prestons Public School Award System

Do you know how to achieve your final goal.

Follow the steps below.

Did you know your certificates carry over from year to year? So if you have 1 or 2 awards from last year, add them to this year's awards to advance to the next level.



## CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



This week at Casula High:

- Casula High is inviting our local Year 4, 5 and 6 students to come and visit our wonderful school. We will have our fantastic teachers here to meet parents. Also there will be a chance to get a sneak peak at our state of the art facilities. We will open our gates on February the 17<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm. Can't wait to see you all here.
- Our Year 7 students have hit the ground running. They have made new friends, met their teachers and reconnected with our student leaders. There are rumours they have even been having fun in maths.
- It has been exciting to meet our new students in the Special Education unit. Smiling faces and updated learning spaces have greeted these students and we are off to a good staff.
- Classes have started using our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning space. Funky furniture and new perspectives on teaching are lifting our students higher and higher.
- We all enjoyed our fun in the sun at the Swimming Carnival. The races were exciting and once we again we marvelled at the sporting expertise of our students.
- For more updates on our exciting achievements why not like us on Facebook? Find us at [www.facebook.com/casulahighschool](http://www.facebook.com/casulahighschool)  
If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270. Simon O'Donnell, Relieving Transition Co-ordinator



## 2015 NETBALL REGISTRATION

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February & Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10am – 2pm**

**Jardine Park -**  
**Corner Old Kurrajong Road & Reserve Road, Casula**

Seniors – 18 years and over:	\$170.00
Juniors – 10 to 17 years:	\$100.00
Moddies – 9 & under:	\$ 85.00
Non players (umpires, coaches, managers):	\$ 50.00
Uniform – A line dress	\$ 75.00

If you cannot make it to Jardine Park, you can email Karen at [karent@conroyremovals.com.au](mailto:karent@conroyremovals.com.au) and request the registration forms to be emailed to you. If you completed registration forms at presentation day, then payment requires to be paid for your registration to be completed. You can pay this either by direct credit to Commonwealth Bank, BSB 062 196 account 00915999 or by post to Mrs Margaret Robson, 27 Mortimer Close, Cecil Hills NSW 2171. Please email confirmation to [mro56696@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mro56696@bigpond.net.au).

\*\*\*If interested in umpiring or coaching please let us know\*\*\*

**For any further information please call:**  
**Registrar – Karen 0409 554 810**  
**President – Jodi 0422 115 126**

Please Note: \* New players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate on registration day.

**\*\*payment to be made in full on the day\*\***



## Cubbyhouse OSHC

### Important Notice for Cubbyhouse OSHC Enrolments!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note that all Enrolment Forms must be lodged with Cubbyhouse Head Office in order to be processed.

An Enrolment Form which is left at an OSHC Centre does not confirm your child's enrolment.

It is a legal requirement that enrolments can only be activated after all forms have been completed, signed and submitted to Head Office. Parents/guardians will then be informed by email if their child/ren have received a place and may commence care.

Unfortunately, some Parents/Guardians have assumed that their children may commence care simply because an Enrolment Form has been submitted at the OSHC Centre. Whilst enrolments are processed rapidly by our Head Office staff, it is illegal for Cubbyhouse to provide care until the process is complete.

Cubbyhouse is required to follow Regulatory protocols when providing childcare, otherwise we can lose our License, so we ask that Parents/Guardians please follow the most effective enrolment procedures - which are to complete the Enrolment Form online, print a copy, physically sign it and then submit it by email, post or fax to Head Office.

Your understanding and co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Thanking you from Cubbyhouse Management

Signed Documents can be sent by:

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