



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – TOMORROW

Tomorrow night is our 'Meet The Teacher BBQ'. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (I have ordered extra sausages etc – so if you still would like to attend – you are more than welcome!!) Look forward to seeing you all here!!

NEW DEMOUNTABLE - READY FOR ACTION!

Today the students in 1/2N moved into their new classroom! With the handover and delivery of furniture finalised yesterday, Mrs Naiker worked busily yesterday afternoon to get the classroom ready for her students - who were super eager to move in! Whilst there are still some further items that will be added to the classroom (which are expected to be delivered and installed over the next few weeks) the classroom is fully operational - and slightly better equipped than some of our older permanent rooms. I think the photo above clearly shows what the students think of their new room!

CYBER SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

On Monday and Tuesday, the students in Stage 3 were visited by officers from Green Valley Police, who presented some extremely valuable lessons regarding cyber safety. The students were amazed to hear that even as young as 10, you can be charged for an offense, highlighting the need for students to take greater responsibility for their actions and digital citizenship. They also highlighted the age restrictions regarding the use of popular social media tools such as Kik, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (minimum age is 13), and the ways in which these tools can be used in a positive - and unfortunately - negative way. Safety awareness was also raised about the dangers associated with Geo-tagging (tagging your location), and the risks that this can present in regards to stranger danger. The sessions were highly informative - and an extremely valuable educational experience for all the students.

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY

This Friday, students and teachers at Prestons Public School will participate in the annual Clean up School Day, as part of the National Clean-Up Australia campaign. Students and teachers will be assigned areas around the school where they use gloves and bags to collect litter and weeds from the school grounds. This event provides opportunities for the students to take action to clean up the school while raising awareness about our individual responsibility for conserving our prized Australian environment. Why not discuss this with your child at home - and get them to help you keep your patch of Australia beautiful!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

27/2/2015

Parent English Class
9am - 10.30am

27/2/2015

Clean up School Day

27/2/2015

Meet the Teacher BBQ
5pm - 7pm

3/3/2015

Toddler Story Time -
2.20pm Library

3/3/2015

Lurnea HS Information
Evening
6.30pm - 8.00pm

4/3/2015

Zone Swimming Carnival

12/3/2015

Selective HS Placement Test

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday
27th February

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park,
Liverpool

Cricket - Phillip Park, Lurnea

**Please ensure your child has
their hat, sunscreen and
plenty of drinks for the
afternoon.**

**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 |
|------------------------|------------|
| 4 th March | 1T |
| 11 th March | 2S |
| 18 th March | 1M |

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

| Date | Host Class |
|------------------------|------------|
| 5 th March | 5/6W |
| 19 th March | 5/6T |
| 2 nd April | 5/6B |

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 to Year 2

To assist in the event of toileting accidents and spills it would be appreciated if parents could keep a **change of clothing, including socks and underwear, in their child's bag**. This will help to ensure your child is changed quickly as spare clothing is not always available from the office.

Multiplication Times Tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:
<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>



VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?

This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

How Much?

The voluntary contribution for 2015 is: \$30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

What Will The Money Be Used For?

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.



Newsletter

The school newsletter, excursion notes and other information can be viewed on the school website: www.prestons-schools.nsw.edu.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

- KH** - Lujane
- KP** - Pavlos
- KRB** - Shaili
- KS** - Khloe
- 1M** - Taylin
- 1T** - Shreesha
- 1/2N** - Ergun
- 2S** - Jozalyn
- 2W** - Jessica
- 2/3J** - Layla & Mario
- 3/4A** - Allison & Zainab
- 3/4M** - Charlotte & Kristina
- 3/4P** - Vibha & Adam
- 3/4S** - Ashley & Essam
- 3/4V** - Fajr & Angelina
- 5/6B** - Adina & Azriel
- 5/6J** - Aisha & Abdul
- 5/6M** - Maithri & Sebastian
- 5/6R** - Yousef & Arushi
- 5/6T** - Pierr & Gennisous
- 5/6W** - Lorenzo & Andrea



Sorting Fact From Fiction

Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more:

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

Classroom Chat with

A Peek Inside KS

The boys and girls in KS have quickly settled into “big school” and are ready to learn. We have begun learning how to read this week and I am really impressed with the students who are already recognising some of our sight words in their texts. During writing we are focussing on leaving spaces between our words and learning how to write a sentence correctly.

Our phonics program has focused on the letters – m, a and s. We have all become detectives during phonics time and have been looking for items that begin with our sounds.

Red Day was a fabulous success. Everyone enjoyed wearing their red clothes to school and making a red apple during craft time.

KS is a great place to be and I am looking forward to assisting each child in achieving their learning goals this year.

Mrs Seeney



5/6T Kicks Off 2015

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new students and parents in 5/6T. So far we have had a positive start, with students settling comfortably into their new classroom surroundings. As a class, we have really bonded nicely together. So much in fact, that we even have our very own class nick name: **'Team Terrific'**. It has been a pleasure to watch my students build a strong, healthy rapport with one another. Their supportive team spirit has not gone unnoticed, as we are a leading class in the stage 3 - Class Lines Challenge. *In my eyes they are already winners and I couldn't be any prouder!* In week 3, our Year 6 students travelled to Lurnea High for a glimpse at the high school experience. During the visit, they were able to participate in 2 different lessons. From their feedback, it was an eye opening and enjoyable experience. This time was also very valuable for our Year 5 students as we were able to allocate this time for NAPLAN preparation and revision. Year 5 students will get more NAPLAN time, when the Year 6 students are trained to implement our whole school peer support program.

Also in stage 3 we have started Mathematic groups. These groups proved extremely beneficial and worthwhile last year, so we are continuing them this year. Groups occur on a daily basis where students will be taught the mathematical content across all strands.

Any and all mathematics homework will be set and collected by your child's group teacher. I'd like to thank the parents who have sent in a box of tissues and some soap and paper towels. These items help to maintain a healthy and hygienic environment, which we all share. I hope you can support us!

Finally, parents if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting me. We can arrange to talk over the phone or face to face; before or after school.

Miss Jan

Combined Swimming Carnival

The annual combined swimming carnival with Liverpool West and Casula was held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre on Wednesday 18th February. The carnival is always a highlight of the sporting calendar.

It was great to see lots of students enjoying themselves and participating in so many races.

All participants who swam earned points for their sport house. At the end of the day the house totals were:

Wattle 1st place - 213 points

Waratah 2nd place - 109 points

Banksia 3rd place - 95 points

Dampier 4th place - 77 points

Congratulations to Wattle for being the 2015 Swimming Champions!

Congratulations to the following students who successfully met the zone carnival qualifying times. They have been invited to attend the Zone Swimming Carnival on the 4th of March at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre.

Well done to;

9 year olds

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10 year olds

Ashley, Paris, Connor, Adam, Anthony, Guven

11 year olds

Travis, Elizabeth, Olivia


12 year olds

Laney, Ri-Lee, Jonathon

Prestons Public School would also like to thank the large number of parents and family members that came to support their children. The large community turn-out helped ensure a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Mr Meoni and Miss Schroeder

TODDLER STORY TIME



Tuesdays 2.20pm

In the Library

Parents & carers must attend, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times

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**



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