



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### P&C AGM - OUTSTANDING!!!

A pleasing trend has started this year - a major increase in attendance at our P&C meetings! At our first meeting in Week 4, I was pleasantly surprised to see approximately 20 people. I was even more surprised to see this number replicated at our AGM on Tuesday Night, when traditionally we have struggled to get more than seven people attending this important meeting. Not only did we have a great attendance, but we also were able to elect new members to the P&C executive, something that we haven't been able to do for the last few years. The positive vibe that came from the parents who attended was clearly evident, and indicative of the positive culture that we are continuing to build at Prestons PS. On behalf of the Prestons school community, I would like to extend our thanks to the outgoing President and Treasurer - Mr Rosch and Mr Vassiliou for their commitment and dedication to the Prestons Public School community over the many years that they have filled these roles. We also welcome our new executive members - Mrs Micheli (President), Mr Rosch (Vice President), Mrs Deeth (Treasurer), Mrs Bates (Secretary) and Mrs Tran (P&C Auditor). I look forward to working with the new executive and the rest of our (increasing) P&C to continue to improve our wonderful school.

### P&C BRIEFING MEETING

This morning the P&C held their first P&C Briefing meeting. These meetings have been implemented following requests from the parent community to provide an opportunity for families who are unable to attend P&C meetings, to remain informed and provide input to the P&C. These meetings will be held in Weeks 4 and 8 on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am following each P&C meeting. Issues that are raised at these meetings will be presented and discussed at the next P&C meeting. I hope these opportunities allow more of our parent community to participate in this important process.

### P&C EASTER MUFTI DAY - THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Next Thursday students are invited to come to school in mufti clothes. Instead of a gold coin donation on this day, **students are asked to donate an Easter egg (or packet of Easter eggs)**. These donations will be used to make some WONDERFUL Easter Egg Bundles that will be used as prizes for our Annual Easter Egg raffle. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Parade at the end of the term. The more eggs we get – the more prizes we can offer! Please remember (as a safety consideration), that students must wear closed shoes – no thongs or sandals allowed.

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

20/3/2015

Parent English Class-  
9am - 10.30am

20/3/2015

Yr6 High School Forms Due

24/3/2015

Toddler Story Time 2.20pm

25/3/2015

School Disco

26/3/2015

P&C Easter Mufti Day

30/3/2015

Toon School - Stage 3

2/4/2015

Easter Parade

Last day of Term 1

21/4/2015

Students return - Term 2

## PSSA Summer Sport

**Friday  
20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Oz-Tag** - Woodward Park,  
Liverpool

**Cricket** - Amalfi 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
25 <sup>th</sup> March	1/2N
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2/3J
22 <sup>nd</sup> April (Term 2)	Captains
29 <sup>th</sup> April	2W

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

Date	Host Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5/6B
30 <sup>th</sup> April (Term 2)	Captains
14 <sup>th</sup> May	5/6M



### CLASS OF 2015

#### Yr 6 T-Shirts

Orders for the Year 6 T-Shirts have closed.

The balance of \$14.00 is to be paid to the office by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Students will be issued with their shirts once the order is received and the remaining balance has been paid.

### School Photos 2015



School photos for 2015 will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

So parents can plan for this cost, student photo packages will range in price from \$20 to \$40.

## TODDLER STORY TIME



**Tuesdays 2.20pm**  
**In the Library**

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

## 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.



## Facts About Fractions

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>



## Year 6 Students Moving Into Year 7 In 2016

Completed High School *Expression of Interest* forms need to be returned to the office **no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Any parent needing assistance with the completion of this form should contact the office.

## 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**



## Sounding Out Aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds>

## 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.



# Classroom Chat with .....

## 3/4M

As part of our Literacy and HSIE unit *First Fleet*, students in 3/4M have been reading *Nanberry*. The story tells of Australia's first surgeon and the boy he adopted. Students have gained a deep understanding the impact that the First Fleet had and the struggles that were faced on a daily basis.

In drama, 3/4M have joined with 3/4S and 3/4V and in small groups students have prepared and rehearsed a little promotion/ advertisement for the tall ship they have built pointing out the features of their design. Students

I would also like to thank the parents and families of 3/4M coming to the "Meet the Teacher" barbeque the other week. It was great to meet and talk to you and I look forward to many more interactions in the future.

Keep up the great work 3/4M!

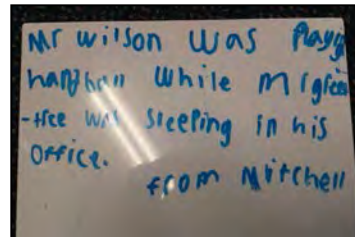
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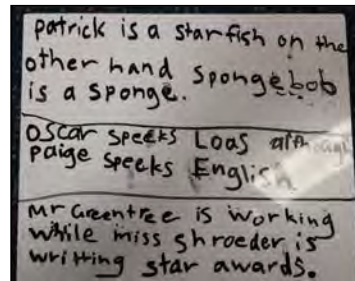
## 2/3J

What a wonderful start to 2015. The students in 2/3J are all enthusiastic, self-motivated learners.

We begin each morning with our sentence program. This program is designed to help enhance each the students' ability to create more dynamic sentences. Each week the grammar focus, changes. So far this term students have learnt to correctly incorporate a variety of punctuation, conjunctions, pronouns, proper nouns and adjectives into their sentences.



(Mr Wilson was playing handball while Mr Greentree was sleeping in his office. By Mitchell.)



(Patrick is a starfish, on the other hand, Sponge Bob is a sponge. Oscar speaks Laos although Paige speaks English. Mr Greentree is working while Miss Schroeder is writing star awards. By Jasmin.)

During maths, 2/3J have been very busy revising previously learnt strategies and learning new strategies for solving addition and subtraction questions. These strategies include the split strategy, compensation strategy and the written algorithm. Students have also had a lot of fun learning about time and using stop watches to time their friends completing different tasks.



It has been a very busy start to the year and the students have already learnt so much... and there is still so much to look forward to including; tablet technology classes with Mrs Hawker, the cross country carnival and the Easter Hat Parade.

Remember, Friday is our library day so please bring in your purple borrowing folder so you can borrow each Friday. The book you borrow on Friday is the book used for your homework reading tasks. Friday is sport day for 2/3J, remember to wear your sports uniform and running shoes so we can get active!





# DISCO



As part of Year 6 fundraising, we will be hosting a school Disco, which will be held on

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The money raised from the disco will go towards the cost of a school gift which will be presented to our school at the end of the year from our Year 6 students.

**Where: School Hall**

*Drinks on sale for \$1*

*Extra Glow items on sale for 50c to \$3*

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

**&**

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

**Cost: \$5** (includes free glowstick)

*Lollies on sale from 50c - \$2*

**Permission notes and payment will be collected at the door on entry.**



## EASTER KIDS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Bookings essential 47 35 1100  
All materials supplied  
Pay by credit card over the phone  
Wear old clothes and BRING A SNACK

### Easter Family Workshop

Sunday 29 March, 1pm – 3pm \$12pp or \$40 for a family of four  
Get ready for Easter festivities with a creative and fun family workshop. The workshop includes decorative egg painting and floral-crown making, capped off with a garden egg hunt.

### Fan Workshop

Thursday 9 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 – 12 yrs \$20  
In this workshop you will paint and decorate a wooden fan, then mount it ready to hang on your wall at home.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

### Clay Animal Workshop

Friday 10 April, 10am – 12 noon, 6 – 10 yrs \$20  
Animals that can be tamed such as horses, camels, dogs and pigeons have played an important role in the development of the world. In this workshop participants will hear stories about iconic animals and make clay models inspired by these stories.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

### Inspired by the current exhibition:

*Home Front* 100 year commemoration of the Gallipoli campaign

### Tank and Plane Drawing workshop

Wednesday 15 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 – 12 yrs \$20  
Students will do a series of small sketches, learning how to capture the shape of a WWI fighter plane and a tank and then using graphite, pen and water colour students will complete a final drawing which will be mounted ready for display at home.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

### Mini-Submarine Sculpture Workshop

Thursday 16 April, 10am – 12 noon, 7 – 10 yrs, \$20  
Have fun putting together a cardboard submarine, add some cardboard furniture and then create tiny characters ready to inhabit your vessel.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

### Crafts of the Home Front Family Workshop

Friday 17 April, 10am – 12 noon, \$40 per family of four  
Those not directly involved in the battlefield still made important contributions to the war effort by sending sentimental items to soldiers abroad. In this workshop parents and children work together to create commemorative wreaths using dried Australian natives. As an added bonus participants will learn to make edible poppies to adorn delicious sugar cookies.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd Emu Plains NSW 2750



## let's play netball

Sponsored by The Athlete's Foot

Netball is a fun, inclusive sport, open to people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. Netball is a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends, all in a safe and respectful environment.



### WHITLAM LEISURE CENTRE NETBALL NEW TO NETTY PROGRAM

Are you aged 10-15 years and interested in playing Netball for the first time? New to Netty is a come and try program to learn the basics skills and rules of Netball in a fun and safe environment.

Free Netball Skills Program - Thursdays 4pm-6pm

Starting 19 March – 23 April 2015

Whitlam Leisure Centre, 90a Memorial Ave, Liverpool, NSW

Visit [letsplaynetball.com.au](http://letsplaynetball.com.au) or email [sportscomp.whitlam@ymca.org.au](mailto:sportscomp.whitlam@ymca.org.au)



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## CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



This week at Casula High:

- Drama Camp is coming to Casula High School. Students from other schools will be coming to learn how to be a true thespian.
- Planning for 'Close the Gap' Day is well advanced. There will be a range of activities planned for all of our students as we learn more about Indigenous Australians.
- Well done to the knock out Open Girls soccer team who had a convincing 7-1 win over Sefton HS recently. Well done girls and good luck in the next round.
- Year 12 students are making the most of the HSC past papers made available at the library. They will be great help for your upcoming exams.
- The History Department is in the process of running the "Egyptian Mummy" Race as part of their Ancient Egypt study.
- 33 students planted over 200 trees as part of the "Greening Australia" regeneration project.
- Past students and interested community members are invited to buy memorial pavers. What a great chance to leave your legacy at our school. See the website for details.
- 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)  
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