



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

TERM 1 FINISHED – Time to take a breather!!

Is it just me, or does time seem to be passing by faster and faster each year? It only seems like a couple of weeks ago that we kicked off the new year and welcomed our brand new kindies, and yet here we are, a quarter of the year has past and so much has been done! For those keeping score at home, here is a quick break down of the things that have happened so far this term:

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| * Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten | * Class re-organisation |
| * Peer support training and program | * New Classroom delivered |
| * Meet the Teacher BBQ | * West Tigers Visit |
| * Swimming Carnivals (Zone, Regional, State) | * Selective HS Test |
| * P&C AGM (New executive elected) | * Clean Up Schools Day |
| * Stage 2 History Video Conferences | * State Election BBQ |
| * Toon School - Stage 3 Cyber Safety | * PSSA Season 1 |

And lots more!!!

After such a busy term, I'm sure that we will ALL enjoy the well deserved break!

ELECTION BBQ AND EASTER RAFFLE

We are a very lucky school! Not only do we have a VERY committed staff, but we also have some fabulous parents (and family members) who are always willing to 'roll up their sleeves' and help out when needed. On Saturday, I had the pleasure of working with a number of our staff who generously gave up most of their Saturday to run the Election Day sausage sizzle, and raise money for our students. Over that last couple of weeks (and particularly this morning) we have had the same group of parents helping out with the Easter raffle (to once again raise money to support our students). On behalf of ALL our community, I would like to thank these wonderful members of our school for continually working hard to make our school a better place. If you happen to see some of these helpers - perhaps you might like to thank them personally too!

BEST WISHES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Today is the last day of Term 1. Staff will return on Monday 20th April for our Staff Development Day, where we will be participating in a number of professional learning workshops. **Students will return for Term 2 on TUESDAY 21st APRIL.** On behalf of all the staff at Prestons Public School, I would like to wish all our family a happy, safe and restful holiday. I look forward to seeing and working with you all again next term.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

20/4/2015
Staff Development Day

21/4/2015 - Tuesday
Students return - Term 2

24/4/2015
Anzac Day Ceremony

24/4/2015
Paren English Class

1/5/2015
School Cross Country

12/5/2015
NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

13/5/2015
NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

14/5/2015
NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

PSSA Winter Sport

PSSA Trials for the winter season have been held over the last week.

The competition will commence Week 3, Friday 8th May

Selected students will be required to pay the \$50 PSSA fee prior to the commencement of the competition.

School Information

Assembly Information

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

Date	Host Class
1 st April	2/3J
22 nd April (Term 2)	Captains
29 th April	2W

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

Date	Host Class
2 nd April	No Assembly
30 th April (Term 2)	Captains
14 th May	5/6M

Term 2

Hope all our students have a safe and enjoyable Easter and school holiday break.

Students will return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 21st April



Anzac Day Ceremony

On Friday 24th April we will be holding an ANZAC day ceremony at 10.50am for approximately 10 minutes. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Children are asked to bring flowers for the ceremony.

School Calendar

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>

P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the students and families for supporting the annual P&C Easter Raffle. Your generous Easter Egg donations made for many great prizes in our raffle.



2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Once again Prestons PS will be participating in the 2015 ICAS. Notes will go home in Week 1, Term 2 and they will be need to be returned along with the entry fee no later than Friday 1st May 2015.
 Science – 3rd June - \$8.80
 Writing – 15th-19th June - \$18.70
 Spelling – 16th June \$12.10
 English – 28th July \$8.80
 Mathematics – 11th August \$8.80

Easter Reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now? Find out more:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

April School Holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidsamps/>

Parent English Classes will commence again in Term 2 Week 1

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



TODDLER STORY TIME



**Term 2
Commencing Week 2
Tuesday 2.20pm
In the Library**

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

State Election Fundraising BBQ

Thank you to all the Prestons PS staff & community members who helped out on this day.



Classroom Chat with

1/2N

Throughout Term 1, 1/2N have enjoyed learning about how living things grow in science. We kept mealworms in our classroom, which we watched shed their skin, turn into pupa and finally turn into darkling beetles. It was very exciting observing our mealworms with magnifying glasses. We also conducted an experiment to see how temperature affected the growth of mealworms. Our prediction was that cold temperatures would stop the mealworms from growing properly. Do you think we were right?

During our visual arts lessons we have been learning about the elements of line and colour. We really enjoyed learning about Vincent Van Gogh, and using crayons to represent two of his most famous paintings; *Sunflowers* and *Starry Night*.

This week we have been really looking forward to the Easter Hat Parade. We showed great enthusiasm making our Easter hats and can't wait to show them off in the parade and see the hats everyone else in our school has made!



3/4A

We have had lots of fun activities over the last two weeks. Last week we had our convict video conference where we all pretended we were convicts and went back in time to learn about what life was like in 1788. We learnt lots of new and interesting facts about the convicts and discovered the meaning of many words that we had not heard before. This week we learnt how to work with clay. Some of us thought working with clay was harder than it looked. After persevering with the clay, our artworks turned out pretty awesome. Miss Siddons and Mrs Patton were very impressed!



This week we also got to make Easter hats. We all enjoyed designing and creating our hats. We used a variety of different materials to make our hats look different: straws, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, cardboard and crepe paper just to name a few things. We can't wait to show off our awesome hats to everyone at the Easter Hat Parade!



From 3/4A have a safe and happy holiday!



YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING DISCO

