



# PRESTONS POST



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



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### INNOVATION TOUR at PRESTONS PS

Yesterday, our school welcomed teachers from five other schools in the Kurrajong Learning Community (Casula PS, Lurnea PS, Dalmeny PS, Casula HS and Lurnea HS) as part of an innovation tour initiative. As part of this initiative, teachers of all schools in the KLC, visit each school to view some of the innovative teaching programs that are operating, and gain some valuable professional development. The visitors to our school go to see lessons in 5/6J, 2/3J and KH, where we are using tablet technology to enhance student engagement and learning in Literacy. I was fortunate to also see these lessons, and I was extremely impressed at not only what was being taught, but also how well the students were engaging in the learning, and the knowledge that they were sharing. It is a shame that we could only showcase 3 classes, as we have AMAZING things happening in 18 other classes too!! I'm looking forward to **Education Week (Term 3 Week 3)**, when all our parents can check out the great teaching and learning that is happening in every class - every day!

### LOCAL PARKS CLOSING - REZONED

You might notice a story in the Liverpool Leader today, about Liverpool Council's plan to close 13 'pocket parks' around the local area, and rezone them residential. One of these parks is "Acacia Park", which shares our school border at the back corner of our playground/oval. We all know the current concerns about children not getting enough time to play outside, and the impact that that is having on student health, so to close local parks seems to be a step in the WRONG direction. If you are interested in voicing your concerns of this plan, I suggest that you read the story in today's "Liverpool Leader", or go to <http://newslocal.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

### ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE AT PRESTONS

On Tuesday, our students were entertained and educated by the Koomurri Aboriginal Performers. (See photo above) The students had a great time learning about Aboriginal culture, and created a wonderful Aboriginal Mural (which will soon be hanging in our office). This program was FULLY FUNDED by our school, and it was great to hear that all the students and staff had a great time learning about, and experiencing, Aboriginal culture.

### X FACTOR

One of our Year 6 students has made it through to the second round for the upcoming season of X-Factor. Good luck Cliantha for the next stage!

Mark Greentree - Principal

## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

**8/6/2015**

**Queens Birthday Public Holiday**

**10/6/2015**

**Multicultural Day**

**15/6/2015**

**ICAS Writing**

**16/6/2015**

**ICAS Spelling**

**18/6/2015**

**School Athletics Carnival**

**23/6/2015**

**Kindergarten Excursion**

**26/6/2015**

**Last day Term 2**

**14/7/2015**

**Students Return Term 3**

## PSSA Winter Sport Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Netball** - Woodward Park, Liverpool

**Boys Soccer** - Ash Rd, Prestons

**Girls Soccer** - Ash Rd, Prestons

**Rugby League** - Hillier Oval, Liverpool

**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
10 <sup>th</sup> June	NO ASSEMBLY
17 <sup>th</sup> June	1T
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Captains

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

Date	Host Class
11 <sup>th</sup> June	5/6J
25 <sup>th</sup> June	3/4S
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Captains



### Athletics Carnival

Our 2015 Athletics carnival will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. Field event finals and novelty events will take place at school, running races will be held at Peter Miller Reserve.

Students have been issued with a lunch order form. If you would like your child to receive a "Lunch Pack" please complete the order form and return it to the office with your \$5 payment no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**The canteen will not be open on this day, students must bring a packed lunch or pre-order a "Lunch Pack".**

The P&C will also be selling juice poppers, water, varieties of chips and a variety of sweets on the day.

### Kindergarten Excursion



Students in Kindergarten will be attending an excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The payment of \$25 and the signed permission note need to be returned to the office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### School Swimming Scheme

Students in years 2 and 3, and weak swimmers in years 4 to 6 are invited to participate in the School Swimming Scheme.



**This scheme focuses on students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and are unable to swim 25m confidently.**

This scheme will be held next term, during week 3, 27<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July. Students will travel to the Whitlam Leisure Centre each day and participate in a 1 hour swimming lesson. **The cost for this extra curricular activity is \$51 and spaces are strictly limited to 60 participants.**

**Only 15 spaces are still available.**

Students need to return their payment and signed permission slip to the office by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### 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**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

- KH** - Mario & Adira
- KP** - Meerab & Steve
- KRB** - David & Valerie
- KS** - Sophie & Kate
- 1M** - Ella & Lachlan
- 1T** - Lojane, Bianca & Desera
- 1/2N** - Lara & Abathur
- 2S** - Josalyn & Brooke
- 2W** - Phoenix & Joel
- 2/3J** - Natasha & Maria - Gracian
- 3/4A** - Hafsa & Sabrina
- 3/4M** - Jessica & Sakina
- 3/4P** - Jasmine & Laiba
- 3/4S** - Essam & Ashley
- 5/6B** - Deena & Aya
- 5/6J** - Manish & Estelle
- 5/6M** - Christian & Usaia
- 5/6R** - Alexandra & Cliantha
- 5/6T** - Priya & Nicole
- 5/6W** - Hannah & Alex

### TODDLER STORY TIME

**Tuesday 2.15pm**

**In the Library**

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

## Classroom Chat with .....

### A Sneek Peak Inside 1M!

1M are always working hard and learning new and interesting things. We have been learning about the country Nepal. The most interesting fact we have learnt is that the flag of Nepal is the only country flag that is not a quadrilateral.

1M has been learning about Australian money. We were excited to learn that the 50 cent piece is a dodecahedron.

We have been working hard in Maths. 1M enjoys TENS activities. Great learning happens in 1M especially when we work with a buddy.

This term we have implemented a new music program throughout the school. 1M have enjoyed keeping the beat, listening to loud and soft sounds, singing and dancing.

Every child in 1M had a turn at planning, writing and presenting a speech about their favourite animal to the class.



## 3/4S

This Term 3/4S have been studying Gallipoli. The students have been learning a lot about language techniques and different perspectives through which the same story or event can be told. We have been inspired by artwork depicting different events from Gallipoli.

My artwork is called **'The field of Poppies of war and Peace'**

The artwork represents peace, war and risk.

In the foreground are some poppies, long grass and small grass. In the background are some small clouds and trees. My favourite part of the artwork is the poppies because it shows war and peace and risk.



Ben

My artwork is called **'Poppy'**. This artwork represents the people who died in the war. In the foreground there is the poppies because the poppies are most important, they are at the front and they are big.

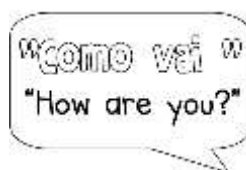
In the background there is a hill with 6 trees. My favourite part of the artwork is the poppies because we got to use the colour red.



Lana

In Numeracy we have been developing our quick recall of multiplication facts by learning to skip count by 2s, 3s and 4s. Some 3/4S students learnt their 3 times tables in a week by practising skip counting by 3 a little each night. 3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27,30,33,36. Give it a try!

Multicultural Day is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. 3/4S are celebrating Brazil and have learnt a few amazing facts. We especially liked learning about Brazil's strong soccer history. On Multicultural Day students can dress in their own cultural dress or clothes inspired by Brazil. Students are also encouraged to bring a plate of food from their cultural background that they enjoy at home.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS!

Each year Prestons Public School students participate in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition, with our children preparing and presenting speeches on a range of multicultural topics. Two winners were selected from both stage two and stage three to represent our school in the district finals. Big congratulations to Laiba, Jay, Marilyn and Layal for being selected as our school finalists.

On Tuesday, our finalists proudly represented Prestons Public School at the district finals at Greenway Park Public School. The students presented their prepared multicultural speech as well as an impromptu speech. This competition was highly competitive and students from all seven schools competed at a highly competent level.

Speeches are known to be stressful and extremely nerve-racking, but our students presented their speeches with confidence, charisma and with a great deal of passion for their given topic. They represented our school with great pride and have said that they will continue competing as they believe gaining confidence in public speaking is an invaluable skill.

Miss Munzone



## Week 7 Math Puzzle

### ENTERTAINING MATH

H G W Q T H A Y S R D Q B N Y H P M D J  
 M E T A L E U Y W I E B B L S X V K I K  
 B S P E C T A T O R N T W A Q O B V D E  
 T J K K L C Z R L A I W U U I C S V X L  
 B S K R C E Y S E N G R U P K Z E P Q D  
 S T D T O G V C J B A C C O M P L I S H  
 A M I R W W O I E C M O N J L O K J F F  
 D G E O F X M T S B I U F W S B C F S R  
 A Y K N V A M A Z I N G N I Y K A M E S  
 L N A L T K G M E V O C O N D Z H I C Z  
 D O D E C A H E D R O N G T V S S U A D  
 Q I S G D L L H B L D S E S Q L L A F R  
 F T J A G Y M T L C O C R E E P I D R T  
 L S M C N O P A E W H O R Q T O N I U P  
 T E O Y F G P M G N I K N U B E D J S J  
 X U N M Z S E R O I U N R E M F X R R W  
 B Q T Q I N U L R L C E P L Y B F A Z C  
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 V O G E B G X A B S T R A C T G U E W Z  
 G E E K Y N H J E Z K Q I K D A E R D Z

ABSTRACT	HEIGHTEN	REBAR]
ACCOMPLISH	IMAGINE	SCULPTURE
AMAZING	LOONEY	SEQUEL
CEMENT	LOS ANGELES	SHACKLES
COLLAPSING	MADAGASCAR	SPECTATOR
COMPUTER	MAGIC	SURFACES
CRUMBLIED	MATHEMATICS	TECHNOLOGY
DEBUNKING	MENTAL	TELEVISION
DODECAHEDRON	METAL	TRON LEGACY
DREAMWORKS	MONTAGE	WEAPON
EXPLOSION	NUMBER	
GEEKY	OCEAN	
GYROID	QUESTION	

## MULTICULTURAL DAY

10th June 2015



### Multicultural day is coming soon!!!

Are you part of a cultural performance group?  
 We are looking for cultural groups who would like to perform  
 for us during our Multicultural Day on Wednesday 10th June.

Please contact the school for details and to register your interest.



Our Feast of Nations will be held in the school hall. For this feast we are  
 inviting students to bring along a plate of food from their cultural background.

All of the fabulous food will be set up as a buffet for students to sample  
 and enjoy.

Due to student food allergies, food that is bought in will need to have a  
 'food inclusion' slip attached to it.

We request that food donations be sent to school on disposable dishes. All  
 plates of food can be brought to the staff room from 8:30am or straight to the  
 hall from 10:30am.