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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Week 10 newsletter. This is our final newsletter for 2017.

It makes me very proud to be the principal of this amazing school. A school where staff, children and parents work together to build a school that we can all be proud of, where everyone feels welcome, valued and empowered to make a positive difference for ourselves, our school, our families and our world. In my first year at Prestons Public School I can honestly say that I am inspired every day by an amazing team of students, staff and parents who work together to achieve this dream for our school.

I would like to give special thanks to the many *parents* who volunteer their time to make our school that extra bit special. To the *P&C*, I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support, commitment and generous donation which will be used to create a beautiful learning and play environment in our PALS area.

To our amazing *teachers and school counsellor* who always give 100% and go above and beyond for the children at our school, you are such an inspirational and dedicated group of teachers and we are so fortunate to have you caring for our students. For this I thank you.

To our most caring and professional *support staff*. Thank you for everything that you do for our school. To our *office ladies* who are the face of Prestons, who greet everyone with a smile and care for our children when they come up for a Band-Aid or a tummy ache. Thank you! To our *SLSOs*, you provide support, guidance and care to our children and you truly make a difference. Thank you! To our GAs and our cleaning staff, thanks for everything that you do.

Finally, to our *students*. Thank you for always inspiring us with your imagination, dedication, courage and hard work. You make our school the great school that it is and I thank each and every one of you. Congratulations on a great year of learning.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a very Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Liz Van Der Meulen

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2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

13/12/2017 Year 5 & 6 Reward/Fun Day

13/12/2017 Stage 2 Activity Day

14/12/2017 P&C Christmas raffle drawn

15/12/2017 Last day of Term 4

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

29/1/2018 Staff return

30/1/2018 Students Years 1 to 6 return

5/2/2018 Kindergarten students commence

School Information

Office News

If your child is **not** returning to Prestons Public School in 2018 it is requested that you notify the office in writing advising which school your child will be transferring to.

If your child will be late starting back to school for 2018 due to an extended holiday, please notify the office in writing with the expected return date.



Students in Year 5 are invited to attend an excursion to Bowlarama at Wetherill Park.

When: Wednesday 13th December **Where:** Bowlarama Wetherill Park

Transport: Bus

Cost: \$28

Year 6 End of Year Excursion

Students in Year 6 are invited to attend a Sport & Recreation day.

When: Wednesday 13th December **Where:** Nepean Sport & Recreation

Centre

Transport: Bus Cost: \$45

Time: 7:30 am sharp departure

Return: 6:00 pm



Opal – School Travel Card

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification. If students need to update any

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to

https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/s sts/updateDetails or call 131 500

Stage 2 Activity Day Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) will be having an activity day on Wednesday 13th December. Students may wear mufti clothes on this day. They can bring in snacks and a pillow for the movie. Stage 2 students will also be taking part in other fun activities throughout the day. Thanking You Stage 2 Teachers

P&C Christmas Raffle



Students have been issued with raffle tickets for the P&C Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each (\$10 for whole book).

The raffle will be drawn at assembly Thursday morning 14/12/17.

Tickets and money must be returned to the office BEFORE Thursday's assembly.

Active Kids Voucher Program

From 2018 as part of the focus on reducing childhood overweight and obesity, the NSW government will provide a \$100 voucher to parents/guardians of school enrolled children to use for sport and fitness activities.

Voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities from a wide range of providers.

- Aim is to reduce barriers to participation and help change the physical activity behaviours of children and young people in NSW.
- Every family in NSW with a child enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be eligible.
- One voucher will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years
- Families can start claiming vouchers from 31 January 2018
- The Office of Sport will facilitate applications

For more information visit https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopm ent/activekids

Prestons PS uniforms are available from Liverpool Uniforms & Embroidery







Year 6 Farewell













Presentation Days









