



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome to our very first newsletter for 2019. First, I would like to welcome our many new families to the Prestons family. We are looking forward to working together in partnership to ensure the very best education for your child. This year we are focusing on ensuring the highest quality teaching and learning, outstanding wellbeing programs that will ensure that every child is known, valued and cared for and building our parent partnerships so that we can continue to make Prestons Public School an outstanding learning environment for all of our students.

Our Kindergarten students have all started now and we are amazed at how settled they are at big school. Just a reminder that Kindergarten now start at 9am and finish at 2.45pm. This finish time is till Friday 15th February, from Monday 18th February Kindergarten students will finish at 3pm.

Yesterday our Stage 1 classes were adjusted to accommodate our growing numbers. Students have now settled happily into their 2019 classes with their teachers and friends.

Our Meet the teacher BBQ is planned for next Wed 13 February. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting all of the families from their class. Come along for a fun afternoon and a sausage sizzle. A note will be coming out with more details shortly.

Reminders

Uniforms – Students should wear full school uniform, including a hat every day. Black tights or bike shorts are not a part of our school uniform and should not be worn. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact myself for a confidential conversation as we may be able to offer student assistance to assist with purchasing uniforms.

Sport Uniform – Our new sport shirt looks amazing. Please remember that this is only to be worn on Sport day – Friday for Years 1-6. The Kindergarten sport day will be communicated to parents shortly.

Breakfast club – Thanks to Woolworths Prestons for their generous donations of our Breakfast Club items. Breakfast club will be held every morning down near the library, come on down for a yummy breakfast and a fun way to start the day.

Parking – Please remember to drive and park safely around our school. The police have been visiting regularly and will fine drivers who are parked illegally around the school. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Exciting events to look forward to in 2019

Concert year – This is our concert year, we will be excitedly preparing a wonderful showcase of creative and performing arts for our families later in the year.

New buildings – Our new buildings are due to start within the next month.

K-2 Playground area - This has gone to tender and should be almost ready to start construction.

Finally, thank you to our hard-working teachers, SLSOs and office staff. 2019 has had an extremely busy start to the year. The staff at Prestons continue to work together to deliver outstanding education and learning experiences every day for our students.

Have a great week and don't forget to ask your child what they are learning at school this week.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

8/2/2019
3-6 PSSA Trials

13/2/2019
Meet the teacher BBQ

14/2/2019
Book Club orders due

19/2/2019
Swimming Carnival
Yrs 3 to 6

19/2/2019
P&C Meeting 6.30pm

22/2/2019
Summer PSSA begins

Sport News

PSSA Trials (Yrs 3-6) for the summer season will be held Friday 8th February.

The competition begins Friday Week 4, 22nd February.

Students who are selected, will be required to pay the \$65 PSSA fee prior to the commencement of the competition.

School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 Every **Tuesday** commencing at **2pm**
(Kindergarten will join these assemblies from
Week 5, Tuesday 26th February)

Date	Host Class
12 th February	School Captains
19 th February	2 Monkeys

3 to 6 – Even Weeks, Thursdays
commencing at **2pm**

Date	Host Class
21 st February	5 Falcons
7 th March	3 Sharks

Kinder News

Kindergarten students will **finish school at 2:45pm**. Please ensure that your child is **picked up promptly at this time**. From Monday 18th February students will finish at 3pm.



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.



Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club brochures have been issued to students.

Orders can be made either online through the Book Club Loop or forwarded to the office.

Please ensure that your child's name & class are provided on the order form.
Orders for this issue close Thursday 14th February 2019.

2019 Swimming Carnival



This year our swimming carnival will be held at the **Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool on Tuesday 19th February 2019** between 9.30am and 2.15pm.

Notes have been sent home for students in years 3 to 6.

Students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and are strong swimmers (can swim 50 metres) are also invited to attend and collect an enrolment form from the office.

The **Permission note** and payment of **\$6** are due back to the office by **Thursday 15th February, 2019.**

Update of Information



At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details.
If you have moved or changed your contact numbers please notify the office by phoning or by sending in a note with the updated details.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for 2019 will be held Tuesday Week 4, 19th February at 6.30pm and will be held in the staffroom.

Please come along and join our P&C. Our P&C are an amazing group of hardworking and friendly parents who are always happy to welcome new members.

Sporting Schools

Students have been issued notes today for the Term 1 Sporting Schools program. This program is an after school activity on Thursday afternoons from 3pm – 4pm, selected students will be participating in rugby league. There will be 2 sessions, K-2 and 3-6. Each session is limited to 25 students.

Crunch & Sip at Prestons PS



Crunch & Sip is a set break during the school day where students eat salad vegetables and fruit and drink water in the classroom. **Students bring vegetables or fruit to school each day for the Crunch & Sip break.**

Crunch & Sip gives students the chance to re-fuel with fruit or vegetables to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting long term health.

Breakfast Club



Students are welcome to attend Breakfast Club which is held each morning near the library from 8.30am.

Student Banking



Deposit books are to be handed into the office each **Wednesday morning before 9am**. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to students the following day.

P&C Used Uniform Shop



The P&C used uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.45pm to 3.15pm.**

Recycling



We are raising funds for our school through the Return & Earn Recycling Program. Students are invited to bring their recycling, cans, plastic bottles and juice popper containers to school on **Friday mornings**. Recycling items can be dropped at the **Box Road entry gate from 8.30am.**

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

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 2019 is: \$30 per family.

Payments can be made at the office by cash or through Eftpos.

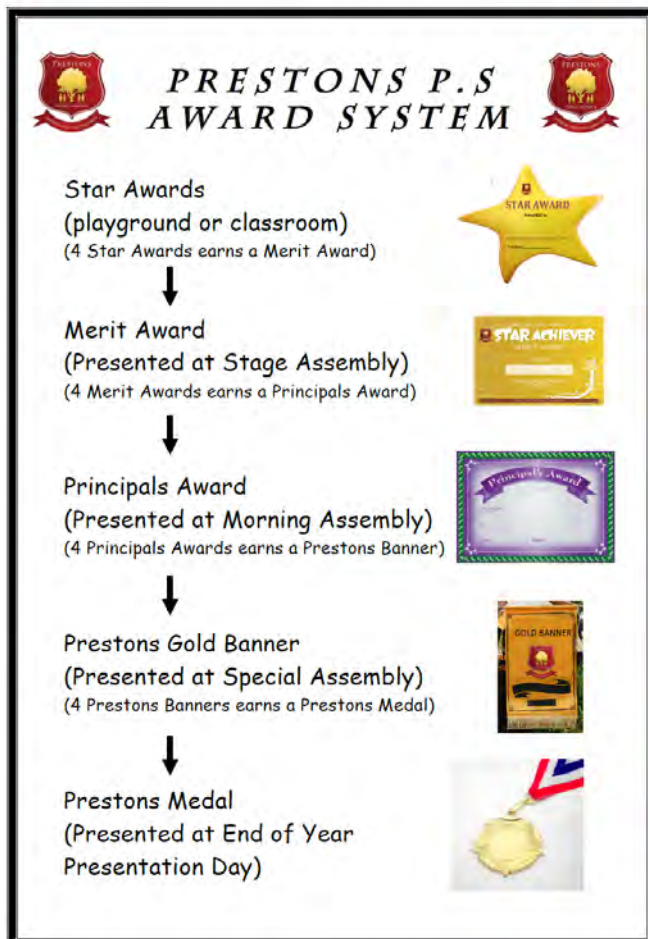
All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

Prestons Public School Award System

Do you know how to achieve your final goal.

Follow the steps below.

Did you know your certificates carry over from year to year? So if you have 1 or 2 awards from last year, add them to this year's awards to advance to the next level.



Prestons Public School is using the Skoolbag App to keep parents informed.

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More information and download instructions for other devices can be found at: www.skoolbag.com.au/



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