



PRESTONS POST



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carer,

Welcome to our Week 6 newsletter. This week has been a cold and blustery week. Our students have loved the opportunity to play, create and cooperate with our new big building blocks. This new playground activity is set up in the hall each lunch and recess and provides a great opportunity for children to play and make friends in a supported environment. Stage 1 celebrated winter this week and children and their teachers did everything winter. We wore our slippers, beanies and scarves and drank delicious hot chocolate. Thank you to all of our amazing staff at Prestons for providing such engaging experiences for our students to ensure that every child is known, valued and cared for at our school.

Safety

Please remember that all visitors to our school must sign in at the front office before proceeding around the school. Please do not approach our students and address all enquiries to staff. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to ensure our students are safe at Prestons.

Healthy Eating

At Prestons Public School we are a Crunch and Sip school. Our canteen follows healthy eating guidelines for all NSW Public Schools which will become mandatory in 2020. We do not permit soft drink to be sold to students at school. From time to time students forget their lunch and parents need to drop lunch off to our office. Please note that for food safety reasons we are unable to store hot food or reheat take away food. Food items such as nuggets, pizza and McDonalds are not able to be kept at the required temperature to ensure food safety requirements. Additionally, slushies purchased from outside of the school melt by lunch time. Thank you for supporting us with food safety and helping our students to develop healthy food habits at school.

Congratulations

It always makes me proud when I hear reports about safe and respectful behaviour from our students when they attend outside of school events. In the past week I have been contacted twice by teachers and Principals from other schools to commend our students on their behaviour and sportsmanship both at the Zone Cross Country and PSSA Rugby League. Thank you to these wonderful students who represent our school.

Lost Property

With winter starting we are noticing an increase of jumpers in our lost property. If you are missing any jumpers or jackets please come up and look in our lost property box. Many of the items in lost property have no names.

Have a wonderful week and don't forget to ask your child what they are learning at school. If you have not yet signed up for See Saw, we encourage you to do so as this is a great way to see what is happening in your child's class.

Liz Van Der Meulen
Principal

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

10/6/2019
Public Holiday

14/6/2019
Book Club due

19/6/2019
Athletics Carnival

5/7/2019
Last day Term 2

22/7/2019
Staff Development Day

23/7/2019
Students return Term 3

31/7/2019
OC Placement test

PSSA Winter Sport Friday 7th June

Netball – Woodward Park,
Liverpool.

Boys Soccer 1 – Ireland Park,
Liverpool.

Boys Soccer 2 – Phillips Park,
Lurnea.

Girls Soccer Gold - Ireland Park,
Liverpool.

Girls Soccer Maroon –Phillips Park,
Lurnea.

Rugby League – Jardine Park,
Casula.

Please ensure your child has their hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks. Students depart school at 12 noon and will return to school by 3pm.

School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 Every **Tuesday** commencing at **2pm**

Date	Host Class
11 th June	K Possums
18 th June	K Meerkat

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

Date	Host Class
6 th June	6 Magpies
20 th June	3 Dolphins

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.

Premier's Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee is now open for students in years 3-6.

If you would like to access the lists to practice at home, please visit the following website:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>

Due to Macquarie Dictionary's strict copyright laws, the word list online is password protected. The password must be given verbally, so please ask your child's teacher for the password.

Stage finals will be held in week 9.



Woolworths Earn & Learn Update

We have currently collected 16,200 stickers! Our whole school goal for 2019 is 30,000 and they are to be collected by **the 25th June**. This program gives schools the chance to earn new educational resources.



Make a difference for your local school

- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards).
- Bring the stickers into school & place them into the collection box in the office foyer, or place stickers onto a sticker collection sheet. Once it's complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store.

Thank you for sticking together!

Book Club



Issue 4 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 Friday 14th June 2019.**

Athletics Carnival

Prestons PS annual athletics carnival is being held on Wednesday 19th June at Dwyer Oval, Warwick Farm.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending and will travel to and from the venue by bus. The school will be covering the cost of this travel. Permission notes are due back by Wednesday 12th June 2019.

Athletics Carnival Lunch Packs

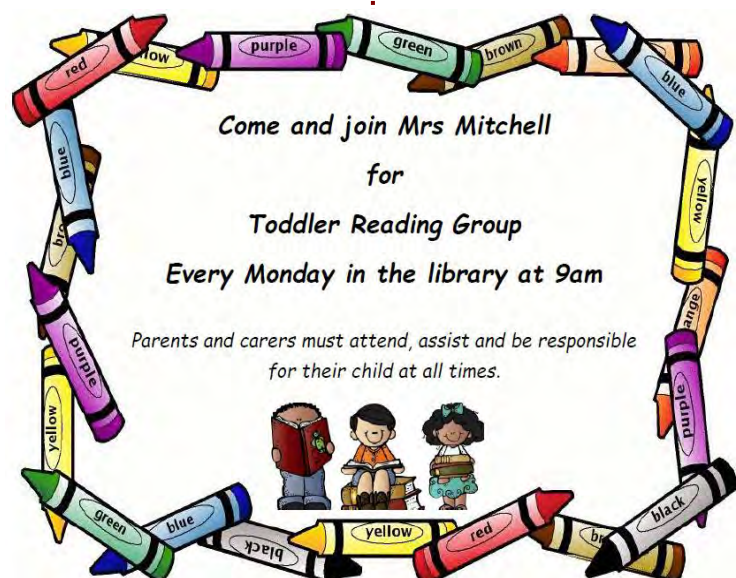
Students are being offered the opportunity to order a lunch pack for the day of the athletics carnival.

Lunch packs **MUST be pre ordered**. Orders and payments are due to the office by Friday 14th June 2019.

Aboriginal Shirt Order

Students can purchase the Aboriginal designed school shirt. The cost of this shirt is \$35 and it can be worn as part of the daily school uniform.

Payment and order form must be returned by Friday 14th of June 2019. **Payment is NOT refundable and shirts are not exchangeable if incorrect size is ordered.**



Classroom Chat with

A snapshot into 2 Monkeys...

This Term has so far been full of excitement and there is still so much to come. In 2 Monkeys, we have been having a blast participating in interactive, engaging and meaningful activities. We have been loving the different phonics and phonemic awareness activities we have been doing throughout this term. Our creativity and unique ideas are being used well within the activities.



We have also been participating many fun activities that you would be able to see on your students Seesaw account. Students have been very engaged in sharing their learning on Seesaw and there are many posts to come.

2 Monkeys have been loving completing the Daily 5 in the classroom. Daily 5 consists of different literacy groups that provide students with choice and independence.



We cannot wait to see what the rest of this term will bring and would like to thank all our parents for everything they do with us and for their continuous support.

Mrs Azzi & 2 Monkeys

Stingrays

Can you believe it is Week 6 of Term 2? We can't in 4 Stingrays! This term has been a busy one.

During Literacy groups, students work on a range of activities that will improve their reading skills, comprehension of texts, vocabulary and writing. This also includes completing activities on Seesaw, like Jerry and Isaac in the picture, that allows students to develop literacy and technology skills, as well as showcase their learning to their families.

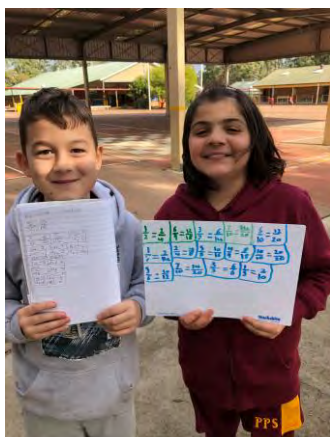


Every mathematics lesson begins with our 'Sprints' focus. For the first 5 weeks, for 10 minutes students have been working either individually or in pairs to solve addition or subtraction questions efficiently. It is about improving processes and improving the speed of recall. For the next 5 weeks, students will be completing a range of activities on place value – this will include the decimal system. 4 Stingrays love this time each day, and the improvement is evident.

Each fortnight, Stingrays participate in a STEM lesson. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The students are presented with a problem, specific resources and a timeframe. During this time, they must collaborate and think creatively to find and build a solution. Students have had to build a tower of straws to hold a cup full of counters and use spaghetti and marshmallows to build the tallest tower. It is very interesting to see designs, the problem solving skills and the communication between the students!



Spotlight on Learning



Stage 2 are learning about fractions. They are proud to show off their new learning.

PARENT ENGLISH

Join us

When: Friday 9am

Where: EAL/D support room



Athletics Carnival 2019 Parent Helpers

It would be greatly appreciated if parents would be able to assist on the day of the carnival, Wednesday 19th June 2019.

Please add your name and contact details below.

Parent Name: _____

Contact Ph No: _____

☐ I would like to help officiate with events

☐ I would like to help the P&C Canteen

Please return this slip to the office by Monday 17th June 2019.



Athletics Carnival Hairspray Permission slip

On the day of the athletics carnival, Wednesday 19th June 2019, our P&C will be offering students the opportunity to have their hair sprayed with their house colour at a cost of \$1.00.

I give permission for my child: _____ class: _____
to have their hair sprayed with their house colour.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____



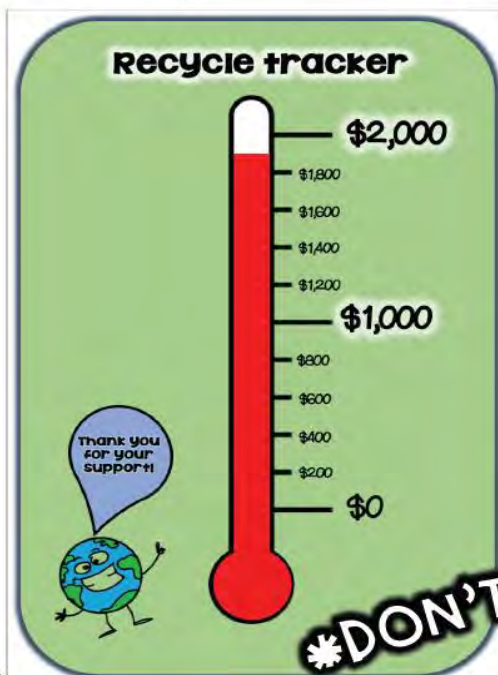
Students will not be able to have their hair sprayed without this permission slip.

Please bring this permission slip and payment on the day of the carnival.



Recycle warrior News

Thank you to all of our RECYCLE WARRIORS for your donations. Remember bring in a bag of recycling to go in the draw to win movie tickets!



Recycle Friday
Bring in your recycling

Learn Music on Keyboard at School

Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!



- Convenient at-school venue
- Small group, 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially

To enrol:
(02) 9411 3122
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

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WHERE I CAN
**BE MYSELF, TRY
NEW THINGS AND
HAVE FUN**



Join us

FIND OUT MORE:
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**A PLACE
To GROW**

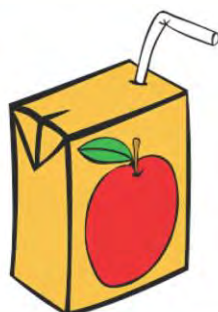
Be a
Recycle
warrior!



Bring in your
plastic bottles, poppers and cans
from home every **FRIDAY** and help raise
money for our school!



Drop off at Box road gate from **8.30am Friday**



Live Life Well @ School

WHY WATER?

- 💧 Helps keep you hydrated
- 💧 Does not have any added sugar
- 💧 The fluoride in tap water helps children develop strong teeth and bones
- 💧 Helps keep your body's temperature stable
- 💧 It is constantly being lost from our body (e.g. when we go to the toilet and when we sweat) so if we don't drink enough we become dehydrated

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Live Life Well @ School

LEAPING

Leaping is similar to running except for a longer and exaggerated flight phase. It requires taking off on one foot and landing on the other. Many children enjoy the feeling of being airborne, especially if the skill is being executed under make-believe scenarios such as, leaping over 'rivers infested with crocodiles' or over obstacles 'to escape from a tiger'.



- Arms swing in opposition to legs.
- Forceful straightening at take-off with both legs fully stretched when off the ground.
- Definite forward lean of body.
- Able to achieve distance and height.

Practice this skill with your child at home!

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USING SCREENS?

Balance screen time with other activities like active play/story time, reading and creative hobbies.



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EAT THOSE VEGETABLES

Tips to encourage your child to eat more vegetables

1. Set a good example
2. Keep trying
3. Use praise when your child tries vegetables
4. Get your child involved in cooking with vegetables
5. Offer vegetables as snacks

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