



PRESTONS POST



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Week 3 newsletter. This week we celebrate Education Week 2019 – Every Student, Every Voice

This year the theme for Education Week is a celebration of student empowerment and how we as a school, and as a system, build and develop skills our students need in order to have and express a voice during their educational journey and as an engaged global citizen. Having a voice opens up a conversation for clarity, enquiry and also explores possibility.

Education Week celebrations will be happening this week at Prestons, focusing on the wonderful opportunities afforded in our school. We are celebrating student voice – valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and thoughts our students have.

Our Student Ambassador, Natasha and a team of enthusiastic students from Year 6 are launching their Kindness Challenge project this week. These talented students are promoting kindness and caring with their project, which involves the creation of videos to be shared with Stage 3 each Monday and setting our students a challenge to spread kindness throughout our school.

All students have collaborated with their classmates to create sculptures that represent their vision and interpretation of themes they are working on within their classrooms. It was exciting to have our families and special guests at school on Tuesday for the launch of *Sculptures on Pride Rock*.

Our *Book-Nic* today was a fun way for students to share a favourite story with classmates while having a picnic.

On Friday our *Hour of Power* will be a fantastic opportunities for students to engage in project based learning on a topic of particular interest to them.

Have an amazing week 3 celebrating and acknowledging the diverse and spectacular environments and learning experiences that our students enjoy. We are proud to work with our families and communities to foster and grow student voice so that our students can contribute to shaping the future world.

Happy Education Week everyone!

Liz Van Der Meulen

Principal

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

5/8 – 9/8/2019
School Swimming Scheme

5/8 – 9/8/2019
Education Week

9/8/2019
Special Group Photo orders due

13/8/2019
P&C Meeting

16/8/2019
Book Club orders due

20/8/2019
Book Character Parade

20/8/2019
ICAS payments due

28/8/2019
Zone Athletics Carnival

29/8/2019
Stage 3 Excursion

29/8/2019
Stewart House clothing donations due

PSSA Winter Sport Friday 9th August

Netball- Woodward Park, Liverpool

Rugby League - Hammondville Oval, Hammondville.

Boys Soccer 1- Ireland Park, Liverpool.

Boys Soccer 2- Phillips Park, Lurnea.

Girls Soccer Maroon – Bye–Students remain at school.

Girls Soccer Gold - Ash Road, Prestons

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
13 th August	2 Toucans
20 th August	2 Leopards

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

Date	Host Class
15 th August	6 Pelicans
29 th August	4 Stingrays

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th August at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

Book Club



Issue 5 brochures have been issued to students. Orders are due by Friday 16th August 2019.

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.

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.



Breakfast Club

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

Special Group Photos

Special group photos, sport teams, choir. SRC etc, are available to be ordered.

Photos can be viewed and ordered in the office or online.

Orders MUST be received by Friday 9th August 2019.

To view and order online please visit www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and use the Online Order Code of: **19S1587PC39P**

Stewart House Clothing Bags

Stewart House clothing donation bags have been issued to students today. Donations are due by Thursday 29th August 2019 and can be handed into the office.

Stage 3 Excursion

Students in Stage 3 will be attending an excursion to William Carey Christian School, Prestons to watch their school production titled "Disney's High School Musical".

When: Thursday 29th August

Transport: Bus

Time: Depart at 10.15am

Cost: \$9

Permission note and payment are due to the office by Monday 19th August 2019. NO late payments will be accepted.

Liverpool Zone Athletics Carnival

Selected students will be representing Prestons Public School at the Liverpool District Zone Athletics Carnival. Details are as follows:

When: Wednesday 28th August

Where: Campbelltown Sports Stadium (Cnr Rose Payton Drive & Pembroke Rd, Leumeah)

Time: Students MUST arrive at school at **7.20am for a 7.30am departure.**

Travel: Bus

Cost: \$9

Permission notes and payments are due to the office by Wednesday 21st August 2019.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Koalas	- Bianca
Meerkats	- Mohammed
Platypus	- Ian
Possums	- Tania
Wombats	- Prabuddha
Flamingos	- Ruben
Giraffes	- Ali
Lions	- Malachi
Treefrogs	- Ivan
Macaws	- Sharefah
Crocodiles	- Julia
Leopards	- Peter
Monkeys	- Samuel
Toucans	- Aryan
Dolphins	- Leilan & Dominique
Jellyfish	- Ayaann & Dakota
Rainbowfish	- Linda & Nora
Sharks	- Nyan & Daanyal
Starfish	- Aaliyah & Aliyah
Turtles	- Alma & Hayden
Eagles	- Charisma & Abu
Pelicans	- Ali & Andrea



2019 ICAS

Students in Years 3 to 6 who would like to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are required to return their **permission slips and payment to the office by Tuesday 20th August, 2019.**

This is NOT a compulsory activity.

The entry cost is \$14.50 per test and sitting dates for these tests are as follows:

Digital Technologies	- Tues 3 rd Sept 2019
Science	- Thurs 5 th Sept 2019
Writing	- Tues 10 th Sept 2019
Spelling	- Thurs 12 th Sept 2019
English	- Tues 17 th Sept 2019
Mathematics	- Thurs 19 th Sept 2019

Classroom Chat with

2 Leopards

Wow! What a busy start we have had to term 3. We have been very busy creating our Cinderella pumpkin carriage for Education Week.



In Daily 5, we have been focusing on imaginative texts and published our own versions of Cinderella to display with our sculpture. We loved exploring the school, admiring all the amazing sculptures that other classes have made and seeing all the creative learning that has been taking place at Prestons.

2 Leopards love our new playground in the PALS area and have had lots of fun playing safely on the equipment



6 Pelicans

6 Pelicans have been engaging in some sensational learning this term. We have started reading our new novel 'They came on Viking Ships'. In this story we follow Hekja as she sails the high seas, discovers love and family and finally finds out where she belongs. It's an exciting read!

This term we have been learning to identify and utilise the structure of Informative Texts. We are using technology to help us research our selected topics.



We also had an amazing time getting ready for PPS Sculptures by Pride Rock as we created Golden Snitches inspired by our last terms novel 'Harry Potter'



GARDENING CLUB NEWS

On Tuesday 6th August, 2019 we were very excited to welcome our Director Mr Daryl Currie to officially open our new vegetable garden. Thank you to Woolworths Prestons for their generous donation of seedlings that we will receive shortly.



Prestons Book Character Parade! Save the Date

Tuesday 20th August 2019



Start thinking of a great costume!

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

Creative Kids Voucher accepted

Enrol to start now!
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www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

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Spotlight on Learning



Spotlight on learning. Our gardening club students are loving learning about gardening.

Come and join Mrs Mitchell
for

Toddler Reading Group
Every Monday in the library at 2.15pm

Parents and carers must attend, assist and be responsible
for their child at all times.





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

The app is **FREE** to download.

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

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Yvonne Quinlan

Deputy Principal



Does your Child seem Worried or Stressed? FREE INFORMATION SESSION

Georges Hall Public School in partnership with Families Together invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents with children up to the age of 6 years to this information session presented by

Megan Taylor – Clinical Psychologist

This information session aims to inform parents about the nature of anxiety and to give parents practical strategies to work with their children in reducing anxious thoughts and behaviour.

The information session will look at ideas for parenting in a way which encourages confidence, resilience and a positive outlook as well as recognising the difference between developmentally normal anxiety and problem anxiety.

Wednesday 21 August 2019

6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Georges Hall Public School Staff Room
Pennington Ave, Georges Hall**

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers living in the Fairfield, Liverpool and the former Bankstown local government areas.

Please complete the slip below and return to office staff at Georges Hall Public School. Alternatively you can call Families Together on 0407 708 626 to book your place or register through www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Megan-Taylor-August



I will be attending the Does your Child seem Worried or Stressed Information Session at Georges Hall Public School on Wednesday 21 August 2019 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Parent/Caregivers name: _____

Contact number: _____

Child minding is not available for this information session



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Families Together is a program of Fairfield City Council funded by the NSW Department of Education



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

SEMINAR 1 – AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRINCIPLES OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Families Together invites mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents with children up to the age of 12 years to this seminar presented by

Elizabeth Carrington
Early Childhood Teacher
Accredited Triple P Practitioner
Fairfield City Council

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. All parents with children aged up to 12 years can attend, however this program is most effective with children aged 3 to 8 years.

Seminar 1 - An overview of the principles of positive parenting.

Seminar topics include:

- Creating a safe, interesting and positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having realistic expectations
- Taking care of yourself as a parent.

Wednesday 28 August 2019
6pm - 8pm
Family Services Building
1 Pevensey Street, Canley Vale 2166

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers living in the Fairfield, Liverpool and the former Bankstown local government areas.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please register at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/triple-p-seminar-1 or call Families Together on 0407 708 626.

Child minding is not available for this information session



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