Dear Parents and Caregivers,

P&C MEETING

On Tuesday night, the Prestons Public School P&C Association held its first meeting for 2013. It was great to chat with a group of parents and staff who shared a genuine concern for the students in our school and a determination to ensure that Prestons Public School continues to build on its strengths. During this meeting, I discussed with the P&C some of our targets for 2013 and identified some of the projects that will be occurring at our school this term. Unfortunately, the number of parents attending this meeting was very disappointing. As the main voice for parents within our school, and a vital part of our educational plan, I hope that more parents demonstrate their commitment to their children’s future by attending some of the meetings. The meetings only occur twice a term, but the benefit that can be gained from participating is far greater!! Let’s all show our students that we care about our school – and their education!

New Student Welfare and Behaviour policy

At Prestons Public School we are continually analysing the way we operate to ensure that the processes enable our students to achieve their maximum potential. The Student Welfare Policy is one of the most critical elements within a school, as it establishes a foundation for success, and produces an environment where students feel safe, happy and more importantly, MOTIVATED to achieve. Last year, after extensive discussions with parents, the staff reviewed our policies and practices and have developed a new and improved model for this year. As outlined at the P&C meeting on Tuesday evening, the previous Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards have been replaced with a new award structure that promotes and encourages students to ‘go beyond the status quo’ and demonstrate excellence in behaviour, effort and leadership. The awards have also been changed, to add greater ‘value’ to them, so that students are proud when they receive them and motivated to progress through the level. The award days that occur at the end of each term will still go ahead, but will be structured differently to provide greater value and motivation to the award. At the other end of the scale, the behaviour levels have also changed. All students will commence on Level 0. Students experiencing difficulties with behaviour will progress on to Level 1 etc, with associated consequences, but then have the opportunity to return to Level 0 once they have shown improvement. A full breakdown of this plan will be published on our website in the coming days and an outline of the awards can be found on the back page of today’s newsletter.

Mark Greentree - Principal

A picture says a thousand words……..

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

25/2/2013
Year 6 to visit Lurnea HS

28/2/2013
Scripture Commences

1/3/2013
Clean Up Australia (Schools) Day

1/3/2013
Meet the Teacher BBQ
5:00pm – 7pm

5/3/2013
Liverpool PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

5/3/2013
Start Smart Workshops K-6

14/3/2013
Selective HS Test

19/3/2013
Stage 2 Excursion

Sport Highlights

PSSA Trials for the summer season of PSSA are currently being held for students in Yrs 3 – 6.

PSSA – Season 1 will commence next week.

Watch this space for details and results!!
School Information

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2013

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 2013 is:

$30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

What Will The Money Be Used For?
All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of Ipads and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

STUDENT BANKING
Remember to hand your bank books into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Application packages have been sent home today for those parents who may wish to open an account for their child.

Assembly Info

K-2
Tuesday at 2.15pm
Every Week

3-6
Thursday at 2.15pm
Week 4, 6, 8 and 10 (even weeks)

HELPFUL HINTS

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

‘Meet the Teacher’ Community BBQ, 1st March 2013

Please return to school NO LATER than Tuesday 26th Feb.

Family Name:................................. Class/Classes: ...............

Number of People attending........................

Please circle your sausage preference: Chicken or Beef (Halal)

Note: Sausage on a Roll and a drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional Sausages on rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for $2 each. For more information call the office on 9602 7435.
We have had an exciting start to 2013 with 22 students in KL. We have been busy learning about the Prestons School Rules – Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be a Learner.

At Prestons PS we have “Crunch and Sip” every morning. The boys and girls enjoy crunching on fruit and vegetables, and love to sip on water. This keeps our bodies healthy and always ready to “Be a Learner”.

We chose some healthy food to pack into our school lunchboxes. KL students also practiced their cutting and pasting skills.

Mrs Leverett

In 3R, we have been reading "Fantastic Mr Fox" by Roald Dahl. The three farmers in the story are very interesting characters. We have discussed using adjectives to improve our descriptive writing.

Farmer Boggis
Farmer Boggis is a chicken Farmer. He is greedy, rich and enormously fat. He eats three boiled chickens with dumplings for breakfast, lunch and supper. When he eats he doesn’t use any table manners. – Anthony

Farmer Bean
Farmer Bean is an apple and turkey farmer. He is deaf because he has dead flies, chewing gum, ear wax and muck in his ears. He never has a shower. He grows apples and makes apple cider. He doesn’t eat, he just drinks, that’s why he is so tall and skinny and he can twist his legs. He comes up with great ideas whenever he needs to catch a fox. - Sidd

Farmer Bunce
Farmer Bunce is a very clumsy pot bellied dwarf. He has a long nose and is very cranky. He hates some of Farmer Bean’s ideas. When he eats a lot, he has a tummy ache. - Hannah

Fox Report
Foxes are a carnivorous animal. Their diet is mainly rodents, grasshoppers and more. Foxes eat around 1kg of food every day and they live 2-3years but they can survive for 10 years in captivity. They are active at night. Foxes live in dens with their family. They also run fast. Foxes are a solitary animal and usually hunt alone not in packs like wolves and dogs. – Indiana

Mrs Raiti
**Prestons P.S Award System**

Star Awards  
(playground or classroom)  
(4 Star Awards earns a Merit Award)

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**Merit Award**  
(Presented at Stage Assembly)  
(4 Merit Awards earns a Principals Award)

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**Principals Award**  
(Presented at Morning Assembly)  
(4 Principals Awards earns a Prestons Banner)

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**Prestons Gold Banner**  
(Presented at Special Assembly)  
(4 Prestons Banners earns a Prestons Medal)

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**Prestons Medal**  
(Presented at End of Year Presentation Day)