A picture says a thousand words……

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SCHOOL BREAK IN

Unfortunately, this week commenced on a ‘low note’, as we were forced to manage the after effects of a break in that occurred on Saturday night. As a result of the vandalism, the School Canteen and a number of classrooms were unavailable for use until the damage had been repaired. Thanks to some AMAZING efforts from staff, canteen ladies and some fantastic volunteers the school suffered minimal disruption and was back to ‘normal operating conditions’ in no time at all. Whilst it is VERY DISAPPOINTING when things like this occur, it also showcases the wonderful commitment that members of our community have for our great school. On behalf of all the Prestons Public School community I would like to say thank you to all the people that helped get ‘back on track’ so quickly!!

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

Tomorrow night is our ‘Meet The Teacher BBQ’. This was a wonderfully supported event in 2012 and I look forward to bigger and better things this year. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (I have ordered extra sausages etc – so if you still would like to attend – you are more than welcome!!) Look forward to seeing you all here!!

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 14 March 2013. All information should have been sent to you from the selective high school unit. Please notify them if you have not received this information.

MORNING SUPERVISION

At this early stage in the year, it is probably a great time to remind the community of our Morning Supervision Policy. It is becoming a safety concern that students are arriving early to school and are left unsupervised in the playground during the morning. Supervision of students in the playground commences at 8:30am under the COLA – Covered Outdoor Learning Area in the main playground. Prior to this time, teachers are unable to provide direct supervision as they are required to complete a variety of other tasks before the morning bell. Please assist us in protecting the safety of our students by ensuring that they arrive at school between 8:30 – 9:00am. If you require supervision before this time, please contact the YMCA on 9771 6033 to arrange Before and After School Care.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

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 - The Australiana Pioneer Village

Sport Highlights

PSSA – Season 1 will commence tomorrow for selected students.

PSSA Venues
Friday 1st March
JNR Cricket A – Philips Park
JNR Cricket B – Amalfi Park
SNR Cricket A – Philips Park
SNR Cricket B – Amalfi Park
Students will depart school at 12pm with games commencing at approx. 12.45pm.

Watch this space for results!!

Mark Greentree - Principal
Stage 2 Excursion
The Australiana Pioneer Village
Stage 2 teachers have planned an excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce on Tuesday 19th March 2013. The cost will be $18.00. Please return the signed permission note and money to the office by Wednesday 13th March.

School Photo Day
School photo day will be on Wednesday 3rd April.
Pre-payment envelopes will be sent home with students on the 14th March. Student package prices range from $20 to $43. Family photos will also be available for students enrolled at Prestons PS with cost ranging from $15 to $30.

Helpful traffic hints from Liverpool Council

Assembly Info
K-2
Tuesday at 2.15pm
Every Week
3-6
Thursday at 2.15pm
Week 6, 8 and 10
(even weeks)

Canteen
The canteen has reopened and will be trading as per usual.

Payments/Permission
Please ensure that payments being sent to the office are placed in an envelope stating the students’ full name, class and what the payment is for.

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 I pads and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

Goal
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!

$590 = 19 Families
2B

2B have settled into their classroom routine with ease. We like to share stories each day and are enjoying reading books by the author Julia Donaldson. 2B are beginning to produce some great pieces of writing based on these books.

One hot sunny day a little old lady was grumbling and grousing because her house was so small. She asked a wise old man to help her. – Alex (A Squash and a Squeeze)

If I found Stick Man I would use him as a ruler at school and at home as a Frisbee. – Shyna (Stick Man)

The mouse ate a nut while the gruffalo’s snored. If they woke up they would catch the little brown and white mouse and they would make mouse stew with him for dinner. – Emily (The Gruffalo’s Child)

In mathematics 2B are showing strengths in counting on during games like 21 and the Dice Relay. We enjoy rotating between many different activities when we complete maths. Our favourite game at the moment is multiplication slam where we slam answers to question cards in the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.

Miss Brown

More from 3R

We are also learning about written and spoken recounts. We are learning to develop our listening and public speaking skills this term.

Sana presented a fantastic talk about her favourite holiday memory......

Hi my name is Sana and I am going to talk about my school holiday.

I went to Nelson Bay with my grandma and brother to visit my Aunty.

We went there the weekend before Christmas. It rained Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. So the whole two days we stayed in the house, bored.

My Aunty owns a petrol station which is next to her house. I got to spend sometime in the service station when my Aunty went to work. I got to sit behind the counter greeting the customers. I also got some free lollies to eat as well.

The sun came out the next day and we headed off to the beach. We came back home, we got changed then we watched TV, had dinner and went to bed. Next morning we got up at 10 o’clock and went to Putt Putt golf and we played half the day. After that we went to the beach and we spent the rest of the day at the beach.

The next day we went to the Shark and Stingray Feeding Centre. We saw all different shapes and colours of sharks and stingrays. My favourite part was when I got to touch and feed the stingray.

We went to the go-cart track and got my licence to drive the carts. It was so much fun! The following day my grandma and Aunty took us to the movies and we saw "Wreck It Ralph". It was a good movie.

By now it was New Year’s Eve. We went to the Nelson Bay Lookout to see the 9 pm fireworks. On New Year’s Day some relatives came over for the day and we had a big feast together. We spent time playing sports and dancing. We stayed up really late talking and having fun.

It was so much fun that I didn’t realise when my school holiday was over. I really enjoyed myself because I explored a new part of Australia which I had only heard about. Now when someone talks about Nelson Bay and its beaches I can share my ideas and thoughts.

In HSIE, we are learning about the "British Colonisation" of Australia. We began the unit by talking about life in Australia before the arrival of the First Fleet. The Eora people lived in Port Jackson when the First Fleet came in 1788. The Aboriginal people looked after the land and the land looked after them. - Tamara

We created our own designs to decorate boomerangs.

Mrs Raiti
Swimming Carnival

Our first swimming carnival combined with Liverpool West and Casula at the Whitlam Leisure centre was a great success. The day ran smoothly and quickly which made it fun and enjoyable for all who attended. The day started with slight rain however the weather cleared up early in the morning and we were luckily enough to have sunshine for the rest of the day. All participants who swam earned points for their sport house. At the end of the day the house totals were:

- Banksia with 15 points
- Dampier with 36 points
- Waratah with 26 points
- Wattle with 19 points

Congratulations to students who successfully met the zone carnival qualifying times have been invited to attend the Zone swimming carnival on the 5th of March (Next week). A big congratulations to Adam 8 years, Jonathon 9 years, Charlotte 10 years, Olivia 10 years, Tara 11 years and Milos 12 years who have will have the opportunity to go to Zone.

Prestons Public School would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Bates who assisted in time keeping and taking photographs. We also had a large number of parents and families come to support their students and cheer them on. The teachers and students would also like to thank all their supporters who attended as they created a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all.