Dear Parents and Caregivers,

FAREWELL MR LORD (for 2013)

As you may be aware (following the announcement at Monday’s morning assembly), Mr Lord will be leaving us for the remainder of 2013 to take up a relieving Assistant Principal position at Chester Hill North Public School. This opportunity is a recognition of Mr Lord’s commitment, dedication and leadership skills. I am sure that the staff and students at Chester Hill will benefit from his talents, just as we have over the last 4 years. Miss Janabi will be taking over the teaching of KA, and we have taken great effort to ensure that the learning of students in KA will be uninterrupted. On behalf of all the staff, students and community at Prestons Public School, I would like to wish Mr Lord all the very best with this new and exciting challenge.

KINDERGARTEN BEST START WORKSHOP - Reminder

The Kindergarten staff will be hosting a Best Start Parent workshop next Tuesday 19th March (Wk 8) at 3pm in the Kindergarten rooms. During this workshop, parents will be shown the Literacy and Numeracy strategies that are used in Early Stage 1, providing a valuable insight for parents to assist their child with their learning at home. These workshops will also explain the information that is presented in the Best Start assessment reports. If you have a child in Kindergarten, we hope you can join us for this highly worthwhile event.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ - RESCHEDULED

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Meet the teacher BBQ is rescheduled for FRIDAY 5th APRIL (WEEK 10). Please complete the RSVP note on the following page and return it to the school office no later than TUESDAY 2nd April. (Special note: If you have already indicated that you would like to attend, we ask that you RESEND the new RSVP, as some families who were previously coming may not be able to attend on this new date.) I look forward to seeing all of you here, for what is sure to be a memorable event.

Mark Greentree
Principal
Thursday 21st March

The P&C Annual Mufti day/Easter Egg Donation Day will be held next Thursday. Students are invited to come to school in mufti clothes and donate an easter egg to go into our P&C easter egg raffle, which will be drawn at our Easter Parade in Week 9. The more eggs we get – the more prizes we can offer! Please remember (as a safety consideration), that students must wear closed shoes – no thongs or sandals allowed.

School Photo Day

School photo day will be on Wednesday 3rd April.

Pre-payment envelopes have been sent home today with students. 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. Family envelopes can be collected from the office. Student envelopes must have correct money enclosed. Envelopes can be handed in at the office prior to the date, though all students must have their envelopes on the day of the photos. Please Note – No change will be available from the office.

Harmony Day

Thursday 21st of March
Students will be participating in a variety of activities from 12.40pm to 1.40pm

DEBATING NEWS

On Monday, eleven of our Stage 3 students attended a debating workshop at Greenway Park Public School. Participants were given the opportunity to interact with experienced debaters, adjudicators and coaches, and develop their debating skills. The students learnt about all aspects of debating, including definition of topic, rebuttal, the speakers' roles and constructing/delivering arguments. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the opportunity to debate with other schools. We now look forward to participating in the Liverpool Debating Competition which will commence in Term 2. Miss Jordan and Miss Schroeder - Debating Team coordinators

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!

‘Meet the Teacher’ Community BBQ (#2) 5/4/13

Please return to school NO LATER than Tuesday 2nd April

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 96027435.
Classroom Chat with .....  

KA is sounding awesome!

KA has had a busy start to 2013. We have been hard at work making new friends, learning to play together and learning about life at Prestons. With Mr Lord, we have been learning lots of new sounds and completing some art activities to help us remember them. We have made some mini mice, some angry alligators and some terrific turtles.

We are a little bit sad that Mr Lord is leaving us soon but we are really excited that Miss Janabi will be our teacher for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to showing Miss Janabi how clever we are with our counting forwards and backwards between 1 & 20 as well as showing her how we can identify lots of different 2D shapes. We also can’t wait to start our reading groups in a couple of weeks. Mr Lord

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We have had an exciting start to 2013. The students are settling into our class routines. We have been reading “Fantastic Mr Fox” by Roald Dahl. We are all enjoying how Mr and Mrs Fox are outwitting the 3 farmers. This term we are focusing on Exposition writing and are learning how to persuade the reader by using strong emotive language. We will be able to use what we are learning in the NAPLAN exams next term.

In HSIE, we are learning about “The British Colonisation Of Australia”. At the computer lab, the students researched information about Captain James Cook. We are also focusing on the Aboriginal Colonies who were living in Australia when it was first discovered. A highlight of the unit is our class mural where each student will have the opportunity to paint a section of it during the next couple of weeks.

In Science, we are learning about “Body Systems”. The students have made a skeleton using cotton buds. They are also keen to learn about the muscles in their bodies as well as learning about their circulatory system, digestive system and respiratory system.

Mrs Seeney & Miss Hanson.
School Cross Country

On Tuesday 26th March Prestons Public School will be holding its annual whole school cross country carnival. The carnival will commence at 12 noon and will be held on school grounds. As this is part of the school curriculum (PD/H/PE) all students from K-6 are required to participate. Students must wear a school hat, comfortable running shoes as well as sunscreen and bring a bottle of water. Students are also encouraged to wear their house colours to the carnival as this promotes team spirit and house pride. All students have been allocated a house according to the first letter of their surname as indicated below:

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If your child has any medical conditions that would impact on them taking part in the cross country please let Mrs Seeney, Mrs Muller, Miss Hansen or Mr Greentree know through the office on 9602 7435. You are welcome to come and watch your child run.

The plan of events are as follows:

- Kindergarten
- 12-13 years
- Year 1 and 7 year old year 2 students
- 11 years
- 8 years
- 10 years
- 9 years

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday, Milos, Tara, Adam, Jonathon, Olivia and Charlie represented Prestons Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival. All students competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts. Adam’s wonderful performance lead him to qualify for the 2013 Sydney South West Area Swimming Carnival. On Tuesday 19th March, Adam will attend the swimming carnival and compete in the 50 metres freestyle event. Prestons Public School would like to take this opportunity to wish Adam good luck on the day. Miss Siddons would like to thank all the parents that assisted on the day of the Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a good day had by all involved.

Hope to see you there!!
Carnival Coordinators