Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ROAD, BIKE and SCOOTER SAFETY

In the interest of protecting our students and families, I ask that ALL families read the information below, and follow these simple rules.

**Step 1: FOLLOW THE ROAD RULES** – Basic road rules such as speeding, turning over double white lines and parking in the correct areas MUST be followed! RTA and police may be enforcing these rules soon – so act now – or pay later! *If needing to make a U-turn in Box road, please do so at the end of the street (NOT IN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY), so that no students are hit whilst walking on the footpath.*

**Step 2: HELMETS MUST BE WORN** – Whether it’s a bike or scooter, helmets must be worn at all times. Fashion versus head injury – Fashion loses every time! *NO bikes or scooters are to be ridden inside the school grounds!*

**Step 3: KEEP AN EYE ON THE KIDS** – Children don’t think like adults do. By being extra vigilant we can help them stay safe. Particular attention needs to be paid if you have younger children who are not enrolled yet at Prestons PS.

**KINDERGARTEN BEST START WORKSHOP**

The Kindergarten staff will be hosting a Best Start Parent workshop on 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**

Due to poor weather conditions, the Meet the teacher BBQ was postponed last week. Due to its success last year, we would still like to hold this special event, and celebrate as a school community. Therefore, the new date for this event will be **FRIDAY 5th APRIL (WEEK 10)**. A NEW RSVP note will be printed in next weeks newsletter, so that we can adequately cater for everyone who would like to attend. (Special note: If you have already indicated that you like to attend, we ask that you RESEND the new RSVP, as some families who previously were coming may not be able to attend on this new date.)

Mark Greentree
Principal
**School Information**

**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.

Don’t forget to come dressed for the occasion!!

**OFFICE HOURS AND UNIFORMS**
Our office opening hours are from 8:30am – 3.15pm, uniforms can be purchased during these times Monday to Friday.

**P&C SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**
The P&C will be opening their Second Hand Uniform shop on Tuesday 12th March from 8.30am till 9.30am.

**Book Club**
Issue 2 has been distributed to students and orders are due back to the office by 14th March 2013.

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

**HEAD LICE ALERT**
As will often occur in schools, a few cases of head lice have been reported recently. To prevent this from becoming a larger issue, we ask that you check your child’s/children’s hair for lice and/or eggs and treat accordingly with an appropriate lice treatment. If you do happen to find evidence of head lice, it is also advised to wash your child’s bed linen and hats to prevent further reoccurrence.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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**K-2 Info** – Please ensure your child has a change of clothing in their school bag ie. spare shorts and underpants in case of those little emergencies.

If your child has been provided with clothing from the office please ensure to return the washed clothing as soon as possible.

**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 P5 with cost ranging from $15 to $30.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!

740 = 23 Families
**Classroom Chat with .....**

**4RM**

4RM have had a productive start to the new school year. We have discussed their learning goals for 2013. Their goals ranged from improving their spelling, timetables and reading to learning more about history and art techniques. Students created wonderful self portraits of themselves to display with their goals in our classroom.

_Miss Ross & Mr Meoni_

**I chose to learn more about History as my learning goal, because it interests me and I find history enjoyable. Akshay**

**For my learning goal, I would like to improve my mathematical knowledge because I would like to achieve higher scores in assessments. Cliantha**

**I chose to learn new techniques in drawing for my learning goal because I would like to improve my skills and I enjoy drawing in my free time. Western**

**My learning goal is to practice my times tables because it will help me in other maths activities. Micaela**

**For my learning goal I would like to get all of my spelling words correct because it will help me to become a better writer. Alyssa B**

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**1MB**

In 1MB we enjoy participating in spelling groups each Monday morning. During this time four graded spelling groups rotate around four activities to enhance our phonic awareness, sight word vocabulary, sentence structure and spelling. This week we enjoyed writing our sight words on chalkboards with coloured chalk.

_We played Roy the Zebra on the interactive whiteboard. This game helps us to focus on sentence structure, especially where the full stop goes._

_We matched both lower and upper case initial sounds to pictures._

_We also did our weekly pre-test of our spelling words. This helps us to work out the words we don’t know, so they can become our homework spelling list._

_We are such a busy lot in 1MB!_ 

_Mrs Muller and Mrs Boss_
LIVERPOOL CITY CENTRE CLEAN-UP DAY

Wednesday 13 March, 10am - 2pm
Macquarie Mall, Liverpool

Come along and join Liverpool’s Councillors, community, local businesses and Council staff as they roll-up their sleeves and work together to tidy-up the city centre.

Council will dispose of the waste collected and provide free gloves for everyone involved in the clean-up day.

In addition, Council staff will host an information stall on the day to inform you about Council services and events.

For more details about how you can get involved in Council’s City Centre Clean-up Day or to find out about booking your free household pick up, please visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 36 2170.