Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOP WITH JOFFA

Next Monday, the Stage 3 students will be participating in a special Cybersafety workshop with Cartoonist – Joffa! This workshop provides our Stage 3 students with the opportunity to discuss the concepts of cybersafety, learn the basics behind cartooning and create some great posters to advertise cybersafety to their peers. The workshop will run from 9:15 – 11:15am and is FULLY FUNDED by the school! I look forward to seeing some great work – and reading some important cybersafety messages – from our Year 6 students.

PARENT READING TUTORS AT PRESTONS PS

We now have 11 parent helpers who are generously donating a couple hours of their time to assist students that are struggling to read. The program is going GREAT, and due to the commitment of these parents, we are now able to provide even greater support to some of our students who need it most. If you would like to be a part of this terrific program, please contact the office or speak to Mrs Kinnavong the program co-ordinator.

Easter Hat Parade and End of Term

Next Thursday, we will be having our Annual Easter Hat Parade. Details for the parade can be found on the following page. We would love to see all our parents and community members here to celebrate this annual event.

Mark Greentree - Principal

‘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 9602 7435.
School Information

Assembly Info K-2
Week 9 cancelled due to Cross Country Carnival
3-6
Thursday at 2.15pm
Week 10 (even weeks)

Book Club
The ‘Bookclub Sale’ orders are due back on Thursday 28th March. No late orders will be accepted.

EASTER Mufti Day
The day was a huge success. A big thank you to all the students who donated Easter Eggs. Don’t forget to return your raffle tickets and money to the office no later than 9am Thursday 28th March. Raffle will be drawn on this day. Please ensure your returned tickets have your name and contact number written on them.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!

$1,100 = 34 Families

Easter Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 28th March at 12:30pm. Come and celebrate with us by watching the students show off the wonderful hats they have created in class. Students may go home after the parade but parents are reminded to sign out their child with the classroom teacher before leaving.

School Photo Day
School photo day will be on Wednesday 3rd April.
Pre-payment envelopes have been sent home 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.

Cross Country K-6

Tuesday 26th March 12pm
Parents are welcome to attend and to cheer on their children, don’t forget to bring your blanket or chair!!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KA - Katarina Omar
KL - Matthew Zara
KS - Nour Emalee
K/1V - Jessica Malaika
1K - Brooke Ana
1MB - Steven Cita
1S - Julia Blake
2B - Fadi Alex
2N - Yousif Kelby
2S - Laksha Lavanya
3SH - Mubeen Emily
3R - Malaika Sid
3/4H - Jasmin Elijah K
4E - Paul Reem
4RM - Umar Estelle
4/5B - Aya Lisa
5/6J - Zeynep Katrina
5/6N - Wendy Norma
5/6S - Kush Monaf
5/6T - Waleed Raymond
Classroom Chat
with.....

2N

Telling and Retelling with 2N
This term, students in 2N have been focusing on recounts and narratives during writing lessons. We use a big book each week to identify the text structure as well as the grammatical features to assist with writing. This includes discussing questions that answer when, who, what, where and why in the beginning of the text as well as placing events in a sequential order using time connectives (e.g. first, next, after that, finally).

Students have impressed their teacher by showing an increasing ability to write more complex sentences using adjectives (describing words) and conjunctions (e.g. and, so, but, because).

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue!

One day, Rainbow Fish was playing with his friends and a striped, lonely fish came. He wanted to play because he wanted to have some fun with the other fish but the colourful Rainbow Fish didn’t let him play in the deep, blue sea.

-A recount orientation written by Zain

Kim Nieves

5/6T

5/6T have had a great start to what looks to be a fabulous year. The children settled in nicely, making strong friendships and a positive rapport with one another.

This term 5/6T have thoroughly enjoyed reading ‘The Witches’ by Roald Dahl and have produced some remarkable work. Here are some of our creative ‘How to be a Witch’ portraits, which are proudly on display in our classroom.

In HSIE we have been discovering the endless wonders to be found in Rainforests, both in Australia and world wide, and have started to investigate some of the animals that live in the rainforest, for Science.
To compliment our learning, we watched David Attenborough’s ‘Congo’. The children were absolutely captivated and can now appreciate the true value of such an ecosystem.

On the creative side, the children have been examining different artistic techniques whilst experimenting with water colours. Here are some of our vibrant and delicate creations.

Kim Tan
Cops and Kids
League Tag Day Thursday
14th March

Last Thursday 12 students from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Cop and Kids League Tag Day. They competed against a range of schools in the Liverpool and Green Valley areas. Students trained hard during their lunch and recess breaks to prepare for the day which paid off. They were successful in winning three out of four games. They showed great sportsmanship and determination. Congratulations to these students.

Clean Up Schools Day

Last Friday students and teachers at Prestons Public School participated in Clean up School Day. This event provided opportunities for the students to take action to clean up the school while raising awareness in conserving our prized Australian environment. Let’s continue to keep Prestons Public School clean and beautiful! Thanks everyone for a fantastic effort.

Mrs Narayan

The Australiana Pioneer Excursion

Comments from the classes:-

3SH – We all enjoyed dressing up in convict clothes.

3R – Children didn’t have their own bedroom.

3/4H – We saw the ‘Undertaker’ and the ‘Blacksmith’ shop.

4RM – We enjoyed the sheep shearing demonstration.

4/5B – We loved meeting the volunteers.

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION and ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the 2013 ICAS assessments. These are offered each year and are conducted at our school. Registration forms are being sent home today. These explain the subjects, costs and due date for all forms and money to be returned. All enquiries should be directed to Mrs Storkey.

For those parents interested
The Australiana Pioneer Village is located at: Rose Street, Wilberforce.