Dear Parents and Caregivers,

PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK

Prestons Public School now has a Facebook page. If you would like to check it out visit:
https://www.facebook.com/PrestonsPublicSchoolDecPages

Having an official Facebook page enables us to harness the communication power of social media and connect more effectively with the wider community. The page will contain important updates, reminders and links to useful information on our website. Why don’t you check us out – and ‘Like’ us!

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ 2013

A HUGE thank you to all the families that attended our ‘Meet The Teacher BBQ” last Friday evening. After the first one was postponed due to bad weather, it looked like we were going to suffer a similar fate on Friday night, but the clouds cleared just after 5pm and the evening turned into a memorable event! It was great to chat with some of the many families in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. A selection of photos from Friday’s festivities have been included on the back page of today’s newsletter.

P&C AGM

Thank you top all the people who attended our P&C AGM on Tuesday night. Our regular attendance numbers were slightly higher than normal as new families came along to hear about what is going on with our school. I hope this trend increases throughout the year! Our next P&C event is the annual Mother’s Day Stall. If you can spare some time to help out your assistance would be most appreciated. Stay tuned for more details!!

End of Term 1

On behalf of the staff at Prestons Public School, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to our wonderful school during this long and busy term. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all next term! Students return to school on WEDNESDAY 1st May.

Mark Greentree
Principal
School Information

April School Holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


Managing Depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


Student Banking

Student banking will commence again in Term 2. Please remember to hand your bank books in at the office prior to 9am on Wednesday mornings.

On behalf of Prestons Public School, we would like to say a big Thank You to Mrs Xenidas for her hard work every Wednesday with the student banking.

Voluntary Contributions

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Homework planner

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K/1V
K/1V have been having an enjoyable time at school. This term, the students in K/1V have been sorting letters and making words, practicing visualisation, working with numbers, writing sentences, and creating detailed artworks.

And creating detailed artworks - “It’s a picture of Tara, Jessica, Me and Rianon playing nicely in the PALS area” - Maria K/1V

Miss Vrckoski

5/6S
Finally it’s our turn!
5/6S have been working extremely hard all term and having been waiting for their week in the newsletter. Now we can tell everyone all the wonderful things we have achieved and aren’t we lucky that it is the last week because we were able to reflect on what we have learnt and make new goals for next term.

“I have worked hard and achieved my first star award by doing the best I can” Julian
“I have improved my knowledge about the rainforest. I now know the positive and negative effects of logging the rainforest. I have learnt more information about all the plants and animals that live in rainforests around the world”. Kira
“I increased my vocabulary by learning the meanings of new words and writing sentences using those words” Sanjali
“I have improved the quality of my homework and received an award for doing so”. Brydee
“I have increased my knowledge about animal classifications and know that animals are divided into two groups invertebrates and vertebrates” Dimitar
“I am proud to be in 5/6S because I have a smart teacher and I have learnt lots of education things like classifying animals, expositions, rainforests and now I know how to write a detailed exposition/letter” Milos
“I have improved in maths and am moving up a maths group”. Monaf
“I have improved in maths by learning how to round off numbers”. Corey
“I have improved in division and in times tables”. Simeon

And these are just some of the things. We look forward to sharing new stories, achievements and our fabulous work with you next time.

Miss Siddons
Meet the Teacher BBQ