Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY - BIG SUCCESS

Yesterday, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet with many of our new families who will be joining us in 2015, when their children commence Kindergarten. These families were treated to an excellent Orientation program, which was meticulously planned and successfully implemented. For a number of weeks now, several staff members have been working on the Kindy Transition and Orientation program to ensure that the program not only met the needs of our incoming students, but also provided a program that was second to none! At the conclusion of yesterday’s Orientation program, I was complimented by a number of parents on how great the program was and how impressed they were with our school. It is always wonderful to hear such positive things about our school, and is great to get the recognition for the hard work that has gone into the program. Congratulations to all the teachers who were involved in this years program - job well done! And I join everyone at Prestons Public School in welcoming our new families. I’m sure that you will be exceptionally happy with your decision to enrol your child at Prestons PS in 2015. (Please note: If you have not enrolled your child for 2015, please do so soon so we can send you our Orientation pack. Places in Kindergarten for 2015 are filling fast!!)

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Tomorrow night, the P&C will be hosting its 2nd Annual Community Movie Night. Last year, the night was a HUGE success and all the families that attended had a great time. If you are interested in attending, it’s not too late!! Please collect an order form from the office to order your tickets and/or meal deal. I hope to see all of our families here, to watch a great movie, and celebrate together as the Prestons Public School Community!!

NEW FOOTPATH ON BOX ROAD

In February this year, I contacted the Liverpool council to express my concerns about the footpath outside the school on Box Road. As the main location for picking up and dropping students off, I was concerned that the loose gravel and the trip hazard caused by the height of the gutter in relation to the path, could possible cause someone at our school to stumble on to the road in front of cars. Last week I was notified by council, that a NEW PATHWAY will be installed during the Christmas holiday break. It’s great to see that Liverpool Council is looking out for the safety and welfare of our student and the wider community.

Mark Greentree -Principal
School Information
Assembly Information
K-2 - Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

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3-6 - Every 2nd Thursday - Even Weeks commencing at 2.15pm

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P & C Uniform Shop
The P&C used uniform shop is opened every Friday morning from 8.30am – 9.30am. The shop is located behind the hall. Donations of school clothing that are no longer required would be greatly appreciated.

Family Community Movie Night
Tomorrow Night!
Friday 7th November
6:00pm – 9.30pm
Movie commences at approx. 7.30. Order forms available at the office. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, popcorn, show bags, lucky dips and glowsticks for sale.

Kindergarten 2015
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Children who turn 5 by the 31st July 2015 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten 2015. Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Toddler Story Time
Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20pm on Tuesday afternoons. Throughout the afternoon the children will be involved in reading, drama and art activities. Parents and carers must attend with, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times.

Choosing the Right Shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW Public School Terms and Holidays

Selective High Schools

Where’s The Octopus
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be
Musical Times in 1S

We have had a great start to term 4. All of the students are enjoying the Music Stars program that is happening every Monday. We are learning about different musical notes and how to play them on a glockenspiel.

Starting this week we are learning about persuasive writing and how to form our opinion on a topic. We really enjoyed listening to the story “The Day the Crayons Quit”. It demonstrates how the crayons feel and their opinion of Duncan, their owner.

Our fitness program kicked off last week and the students will be participating in a circuit training program which will focus on cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. There were a lot of tired, red and sweaty faces on Tuesday – but we kept on smiling.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the boys and girls in 1S for continuing to follow our classroom rules whilst I have been involved in organising the kinder transition and orientation program. I am extremely proud of all of the students for completing all of their lessons and they will be rewarded with a class picnic next week.

Classroom Chat with ..... 5/6M

In writing, students are investigating the ways in which Australia is interconnected with other nations, and explore a range of global issues including war and peace, poverty, extreme weather conditions and refugee experiences.

In Science, we are learning about Light Shows. Here, students are provided with opportunities to explore the properties of light and how it enables us to see. Throughout the term students investigate how objects reflect, absorb and retract light.

Students are also working in small groups to develop a drama performance based on a children’s storybook. Here students are organising their own props, costumes and script and will perform in front of the class towards the end of the term.

Keep up the great effort!

Mrs Madern

Some of the students in 5/6M rarely miss out on a photo opportunity.
Sculptures by the Sea

Prestons Parent English Class and their children travelled to Bondi and enjoyed looking at the ‘Sculptures by the Sea’. Many sculptures were scattered over Marks Park, which overlooks Bondi Beach. The children and parents indulged in a ‘selfie’ or two and walked along the coastline to Bronte Beach. We then enjoyed a picnic by the beach. Afterwards, the children played at the park until it was time to travel back.

We all enjoyed the day out.