Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

P&C MEETING
On Tuesday night, the Prestons Public School P&C Association held its first meeting for 2014. Whilst it was great to see a bunch of new faces at our P&C meeting, it would be even better if we could boost our numbers even further! It is not a massive commitment – simply 2 meetings per term! As the main voice for parents within our school, I hope that more parents take the opportunity to demonstrate their genuine commitment towards their children’s future by making this small effort and attend some of the meetings. During Tuesday’s meeting, I discussed with the P&C some of our targets for 2014, some of the staffing changes that have occurred, and I outlined some of the projects that will be occurring at our school this term. I hope more parents can join us on the P&C for what is sure to be a great year at Prestons Public School.

SCHOOL CARPARK – NO GO ZONE!!
Please be aware, that the staff car park IS NOT FOR PARENT OR STUDENT USE. Due to the fact that we often have delivery vehicles entering and exiting, it is NOT a safe environment for dropping off or picking up students. The car park is for staff and authorised personnel ONLY. Please assist us to maintain the safety of ALL our students, by NOT using the staff car park.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – Tomorrow night
Tomorrow night is our ‘Meet The Teacher BBQ’. This was a wonderfully supported event in 2012 & 2013, and I look forward to bigger and better things this year. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (I have ordered extra sausages etc – so if you still would like to attend – you are more than welcome!!) Look forward to seeing you all here!!

PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK
Did you know that Prestons Public School has a Facebook page? If you would like to check it out visit: 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 contains important updates, reminders and links to useful information on our website. Why don’t you check us out – and ‘Like’ us!
Mark Greentree - Principal
School Information

Assembly Information
K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm
3-6 – Every 2nd Thursday - Even Weeks commencing at 2.15pm

P&C Used Uniform Shop
The used uniform shop will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 8.30am.
The shop is located behind the hall and will be open on these days for approximately 1 hour.

Reminder to update your Contact Information
If you have moved or changed your contact numbers during the school break please notify the office by phoning or by sending in a note with the updated details.
At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.

Active after School
Active after School has commenced for Term 1, 2014.
K-2 Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm
3-6 Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm.
Please ensure prompt pick up.
Students who have been selected for these programs have been notified with a note that was sent home advising of selection. Due to limited numbers not every child was able to join for Term 1. Those students not selected this term will be considered for Term 2.

Prestons Public School Award System
Do you know how to achieve your final goal. Follow the steps below.
Did you know your certificates carry over from year to year? So if you have 1 or 2 awards from last year, add them to this year’s awards to advance to the next level.

Library News
Borrowing for students will commence next week.
Students must have a library bag before they will be allowed to borrow a book to bring home.
Library bags can be purchased from the office for $5.00.

Back to school
Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school. Find out more:

Student of the Week Award Recipients

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VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?
This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

How Much?
The voluntary contribution for 2014 is: $30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

What Will The Money Be Used For?
All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.
Classroom Chat with.....

Take a peak in 2H!

This week the girls and boys in 2H have been working really hard in literacy groups. We have been learning about lots of different strategies that we can use to help us when we are reading.

We have been playing lots of literacy games that teach us how to blend our sounds together when we are reading and writing words.

The girls and boys in 2H are very enthusiastic about creative arts. This week we have been working on a lovely door display for our classroom.

3B

Five Minutes with 3B!
3B consists of 26 lovely students. They’ve been working very hard to get into the routine and expectations of a Stage Two class.
The students are using the skills they developed in TEN numeracy groups to assist them in completing TOWN multiplication and place value activities.
The students show great enthusiasm for TOWN Time and are using the language learnt to explain their understanding of their new tasks.
In literacy, students are enjoying reading some books. In “My Place” students have been researching places around the world and learning about the many different people who have migrated to Australia. In “I am Jack” 3B are understanding the effects that bullying can have on another person.
At the beginning of the year 3B set learning goals for themselves. They are working hard to achieve them.
Would you like to play netball this year?
Then why not play for Prestons Netball Club.
Seniors - 18 years and over: $160.00
Juniors – 10 to 17 years: $95.00
Moddies – 9 & under: $80.00

We are currently registering players for this season. If you would like to be part of this great club then contact one of the people below.

Registrar – Karen 0409 554 810
President – Angie 0408 112 809