Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ = BIG SUCCESS!

Let me start this week’s newsletter, with a HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents, staff and students who participated in our FANTASTIC “Meet The Teacher Community BBQ” last Friday evening. It was wonderful to see SO MANY families come up to the school and enjoy spending some time together. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed the sausage sizzle and participated in a variety of games on the asphalt and oval. This event was the first of many to come at Prestons Public School in 2014, and we look forward to seeing (and working with) even more of the community throughout the year. A selection of pictures from Friday’s festivities can be found on the back of this week’s newsletter!

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING AT WOOGLEMAI

On Monday, the Year 6 students participated in a Peer Support Leadership training program at the Wooglemai EEC. The students participated in a variety of challenging activities that required the students to utilise their problem solving and team working skill. Additional training continued on Tuesday back at school, where the students continued to develop their leadership skills and familiarise themselves with the Peer Support Program. The peer support program (which will be led by these Year 6 leaders) will commence next Friday and run for the rest of term 1. Photos of our Wooglemai adventure can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

SECONDHAND CLOTHING STORE AT PPS

The P&C at Prestons Public School operate a second hand clothing store every Thursday and Friday morning. Items of clothing that are in good condition but no longer required by families are donated to the school and sold for just $2. If you have any school uniform items that you no longer require please consider donating these items to the uniform shop. Items can be left at the front office.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Host Class</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6th March</td>
<td>Captains</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20th March</td>
<td>5/6R</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd April</td>
<td>5/6T</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Help With English**

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.


**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!

**When Lunch Comes home again – Uneaten**

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.


**Maths**

Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.


**School Banking News**

**STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!**

Complete 3 deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

**GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU SAVE!**
Classroom Chat with .....  

1S

The children have all settled into year 1 and have been working really hard. I am very impressed with how much effort they are all putting into their literacy lessons.

During our maths lessons we are looking at multiplication and using the term “rows of”.

Everyone enjoyed make their rows with counters and writing their sum on their own whiteboard.

We have also been very busy decorating our classroom. We are very proud of our sunflowers and all agree that they have brightened up the bag room.

Mrs Seeney

5/6M

5/6 M has had a busy start to the year, including high school visits from Lurnea and Casula High School.

Last week Year 6 visited Lurnea High School for some mini-lessons. Students were involved in two lessons, which included a sport and science lesson. Year 6 had a lot of fun and did a wonderful job of representing the school.

Students were allocated into different math groups last week. In these groups, students will continue to work and develop on their mathematical skills and receive math homework from their teacher.

I would also like to thank the parents and families of 5/6M coming to the “Meet the Teacher” barbeque last Friday. It was great to meet and talk to you and I look forward to many more interactions in the future.

Keep up the great work 5/6M!

Miss Tomarchio
The annual combined swimming carnival with Liverpool West and Casula was held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre on Tuesday 18th February. The carnival is always a highlight of the sporting calendar. It was great to see lots of students enjoying themselves and a participating in so many races. All participants who swam earned points for their sport house. At the end of the day the house totals were:

- Banksia with 70 points
- Waratah with 62 points
- Dampier with 44 points
- Wattle with 54 points

**Congratulations to Banksia for being the 2014 Swimming Champions!**

Congratulations to the following students who successfully met the zone carnival qualifying times. They have been invited to attend the Zone swimming carnival on the 5th of March. Well done to Adam 9 years, Laney 10 years, Charlotte 11 years and Tara 12 years.

Prestons Public School would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Bates who assisted in time keeping and taking photographs. We also had a large number of parents and family members come to support their children. The teachers and students would also like to thank all their supporters who attended as they created a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Miss Schroeder – Swimming Coordinator.