Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL AT PRESTONS PS

Yesterday, the students participated in the Annual Cross Country Carnival. It was FANSTASTIC to see SO MANY parents, friends and relatives join us for this annual event and cheer on the students as they ran around the school course. The overcast conditions made the temperature perfect for the students as they ran and although we did experience a little rain, we managed to successfully complete the carnival. Congratulations to all the students who completed on the day, and a BIG THANK YOU to the staff who organised and coordinated the event.

Photos of the carnival can be found on the back page of this newsletter. Additional photos will be available on the school webpage shortly – so stay tuned!!

IMPORTANT - UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

Accompanying today’s newsletter, is a form for all families to complete. This form will enable us to update the family information that we currently have on record. As always, all information will be treated confidentially! It is important that we have update and ACCURATE information for the following reasons:

1. Updated contact information enables us to successfully contact parents/carer in the event of an emergency.
2. Funding for schools is determined from statistical data relating to the employment and education of families within the school community.

We require these forms to be returned to school **NO LATER than next FRIDAY 4th APRIL**. In order to encourage students and families to return these forms, some incentive prizes will be on offer. The first class that has all forms returned will be rewarded with a pizza party. Additionally, every family that has a form returned by Friday 4th April will go into a draw to win a $50 Coles voucher.

STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8:30am

Unfortunately there are an increasing number of student arriving before 8:30am. (Some students are even being dropped off prior to 8am!) This is a REAL SAFETY CONCERN, as the supervision of students does not commence until 8:30am. Please assist us in maintaining the safety and welfare of our students by ensuring that they do not arrive prior to 8:30am.

Before and after school care is available on site if required. Contact YMCA on 9771 6033.

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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PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP
On Wednesday 9th April we will be running a maths workshop for parents.

It will commence at 9:15am and run for approx. 1 hour.

We will cover concepts and strategies taught in mathematics and how you can help your child at home.

We would love to see you there.

If you are unable to attend this workshop, but would be interested in an evening session, please contact the school, as we may be able to schedule a session early next term.

Mrs Storkey – Coordinator

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.

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.

School Photos 2014
School photos for 2014 will be on Monday 12th May.

Students will be issued their photo envelopes during the first week of Term 2.

So parents can plan for this cost, student photo packages will range in price from $18 to $37 and family/sibling photos range from $15 to $20.

DISCO
As part of Year 6 fundraising, we will be hosting a school Disco, which will be held on Wednesday 2nd April. The money raised from the disco will go towards the cost of a school gift which will be presented to our school at the end of the year from our Year 6 students.

Where: School Hall
When: Wednesday 2nd April, 2014
K-2 5:00pm-6:00pm
3-6 6:15pm-7:30pm
Cost: $5 (includes free glowstick)

Permission notes and payment will be collected at the door on entry.

Extra glow items on sale from 50c - $3! Drinks on sale for $1
Lollies on sale from 50c - $2

CLASS OF 2014

Yr 6 Shirts
The Yr 6 shirts have arrived and are ready for collection from the office.

It is requested that the balance of $14.00 be paid to the office by Wednesday 9th April.

Students will be issued with their shirts once the remaining balance has been paid.

Writing Competition
Thank you to all students who have demonstrated their creative flair and entered the 2014 Schools Writing Competition. These students have let their imaginations run wild to produce some amazing poetry and short stories. We wish them luck with their entries!

Mrs Naicker

Help Us
Reach
Our Goal!!!

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**Classroom Chat with.....**

**K/1RB**

What a great start to the year we have had so far! K/1RB’s days and weeks have been filled with many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow.

In mathematics we are enthusiastically involved in the TEN (Teaching Early Numeracy) program. Students are working in groups that enable further learning. This week we used dice to develop our addition skills.

In English we are busy learning our sight words and letter sounds. K/1RB have been enjoying a variety of activities that promote this learning.

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**3/4S**

Can you believe that term 1 is almost over? What a wonderful start to 2014. Students in 3/4S have made a positive start to the year and have already learnt so much!

Friday has proven to be a popular day of the week in 3/4S. Friday is a day of physical activity and creativity in 3/4S. Adam, Rishika, Arishma, Jasmin and Amy show great sportsmanship and skill when playing Oz Tag at PSSA sport while the rest of the class participates in various craft activities that focus on exposing students to a variety of different art resources and techniques.

As part of the Stage 2 Science unit “Let’s Communicate”, students have worked in groups to plan, design and make a device that will allow people to communicate. All students have worked extremely well in their groups and have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to invent a new communication device. I have been so impressed with their ingenuity and teamwork.

Well done 3/4S on a positive start to the year. Each and every one of you has already improved your knowledge and skills in so many learning areas. I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful things you will be capable of doing in the months ahead.

(How many Stage 2 students can you fit in 1 square metre? 13 apparently!)

Miss Schroeder
Prestons PS – Cross Country Carnival