Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

Last week, a Student Information form was sent home with the newsletter for all families to complete. This form will enable us to update the family information that we currently have on record. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the families who responded to this request so promptly.

As mentioned last week, we require these forms to be returned to school NO LATER than TOMORROW 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 TOMORROW, 4th April, will go into a draw to win a $50 Coles voucher. Both prizes will be announced at the assembly on Monday morning.

Stage 3 - CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOP

On Monday, the Stage 3 students participated in a special Cybersafety workshop with Cartoonist – Joffa! The students learnt a lot about Cybersafety and how to maintain a safe online presence whilst also developing their skills in cartooning. The students also discussed the concepts of resilience and tolerance, particularly when facing and dealing with issues relating to online bullying. Once again, it was great to get positive feedback from Joffa in regards to the excellent behaviour and participation of the students. I already know that we have great students here – but it is always pleasing to hear this from visitors to our school. Keep up the great work boys and girls!!

P&C RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who supported our P&C raffle by donating eggs and purchasing tickets. (Although a whole lots of eggs ‘mysteriously’ went missing from the time they left home, there were quite a few eggs donated on the day!!) A BIG thank you to our hard working P&C (and the parents that stayed this morning to help out), who generously donated their time to come up to the school and wrap all of the eggs into Easter Hampers. We have approximately 40 prizes to be won in this years Easter raffle, so if you haven’t bought a ticket yet – you might want to hurry up!! The Easter raffle will be drawn next Friday 11th April at the school’s Annual Easter Hat Parade.

Mark Greentree - Principal

A picture says a thousand words…….

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

4/4/2014
Updated Information forms due

10/4/2014
Earth Day

11/4/2014
Easter Hat Parade
Last Day Term 1

29/4/2014
Students return to school

30/4/2014
ANZAC Ceremony

1/5/2014
Year 3 students to Fairfield Museum

6/5/2014
Year 4 students to Fairfield Museum

Sport Highlights
PSSA

Friday 4th April
Oztag – Woodward Park, Liverpool.

This will be the last round of PSSA for Term 1. Summer PSSA, OzTag, will recommence in Term 4.

Round 5 Results
Round 5 was cancelled due to wet weather.
School Information

Assembly Information
K-2 – Please note the last assembly for Week 11, Term 1 has been cancelled.

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

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Prestons Public School Earth Day 2014

Prestons Public School will be celebrating Earth Day this year! This is to raise students awareness of their responsibilities of global citizenship of the 21st century.

WHEN: Thursday 10th April, 2014

WHAT: Students will be participating in activities that promote ways to save the planet and have a ‘nude food’ day.

WHAT IS A NUDE FOOD DAY? Nude Food Day is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about how their actions can impact the environment and their health. Focusing on the positive message of ‘nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet’, we want the students to be empowered to choose healthy, rubbish free food for their lunches and snacks. You may like to give them snacks that involve little to no rubbish eg. fruit and try to put their sandwiches in a container rather than wrapped in plastic.

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.

It’s Academic
Last year students from Prestons PS represented our school on the television show “Its Academic”. Join in with the excitement cheer on our students and test your knowledge by watching channel 7TWO at 7.30am on:-

Monday 28th April
Tuesday 29th April
Wednesday 30th April
Thursday 1st May
Friday 2nd May

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

K/1RB - Justin
KS - Kaelan
KL - Tara
1J - Rachel
1M - Tolga
1S - Lucas
2H - Julia
2M - Teacher Absent
2V - Takoda
3B - Ben & Jacob
3S - Ahmed & Kristina
3/4S - Adam & Mubeen
4C - Fatima & Ryan
4S - Riya & Ronnie
4/5J - Eliz & Titania
5/6H - Ledisha & Joshua
5/6M - Reem & Muhammad
5/6T - Josephine & Mohammed
5/6R - Mariam & Shannon

Easter Hat Parade

Friday 11th April at 12:00pm
Come and celebrate with us by watching the students show off the wonderful hats they have created in class or at home. Students may go home after the parade but parents are reminded to sign out their child with the classroom teacher before leaving.

P&C Raffle Easter Raffle

Lots of great Easter egg baskets to be won
Tickets 50c each or
One book for $2.00

Please return your tickets and money to the office by Friday 11th April.

Currently $1,050
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!
Classroom Chat

with .....  

2M

2M are happy to have the opportunity to tell everyone about what they’ve been doing at school throughout term 1.

In class, 2M have been focusing on writing interesting and descriptive reports. We have also practised being bossy boots in our writing, writing procedures full of commands!

Here we are following a procedure to make Fairy Bread!

We have been using lots of maths resources in our TEN groups to help us refine our mental arithmetic strategies. Lots of great learning!

2M have also been talking about families and what makes a good friend. With Miss McMaster we have been learning about toys, we even got to make our own!

4C

Recently, 4C have been using the VCOP concept, which encourages students to up level their writing with a variety of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. It is a tool that empowers children to improve their own writing and has encouraged students in 4C to increase their vocabulary, and their love of language in general. As a result it has transformed their whole attitude and enthusiasm for writing.

During literacy 4C have been looking at a variety of multimodal texts. This week we have studied a Michael Rosen’s video clip which has brought poetry such as “Chocolate Cake” to life in the classroom. We were so inspired we wrote our own performance poetry. Children previously reluctant to be heard, were taking to the floor to tell their own funny, healthy food poems. The poems were complete with exaggerated drama and moments of suspense, all topped with a generous sprinkling of onomatopoeia.

Meanwhile in numeracy, 4C is looking forward to our Stage 2 Superhero Maths Academy Day. The children have been training daily and are looking forward to the challenges they will face on the day. Fingers crossed their maths superhero powers will help them crack the code and save the day!
“Pictures from our School Disco”

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CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Some more great news from Casula High:

- The Casula High School Tutoring program is in full swing with over 40 enthusiastic students attending these free sessions.
- Our Open Boys Rugby League team won a nail biting knockout game in golden point against John Edmondson HS, congratulations!
- All of the History teaching rooms have been refurbished. All now have new carpeting and furniture. This has translated into students being more keen to work in these classes.
- Five of our Science students met with the Head of NASA, Mr Charles Koblenz, who was very impressed with the depth of the questions our students asked him.
- The Library has developed its program of wider book borrowing to support our FOG (Focus on Reading) whole school literacy program.
- Our Year 7 students have formed a very talented Musical Band.

Emily Sisewin, Transition Co-ordinator

DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

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- The Public Dental Service

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