Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Zone Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to Liana on her exceptional performance, coming 1st in the 11 year old race! She will be representing Prestons PS at the Sydney South West Cross Country. Good luck for the regional competition!
Thank you to Mrs Seeney and Mr Meoni for accompanying the students to the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. Congratulations to all the students who participated and represented our school in such an outstanding manner. I would also like to thank all of the parents and friends who went along to support our students.

Boccia Nationals
Joanne competed in the 2014 Boccia Nationals at Sydney Academy of Sports last week. She earned her spot in the representative team after winning a Bronze medal at the State Titles. The combined team of NSW and South Australia competed in a best of five series. The NSW/SA team won a silver medal in this team event. Joanne came second in her pool and was awarded a silver medal in the BC1 individual classification. An outstanding result congratulations Joanne!

Walk Safely to School Day - TOMORROW.
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.
Consider:
• Walking the whole way to school
• If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school.

Rita Raiti – Relieving Principal

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2014 Dates to Remember

23/5/2014
Walk Safely To School Day

4/6/2014
ICAS Science Test

9/6/2014
Queens Birthday Long Weekend

16/6/2014
ICAS Writing Test

17/6/2014
ICAS Spelling Test
P&C Meeting

19/6/2014
School Athletics Carnival

Sport Highlights

PSSA Winter Sport
Friday 23rd May

Venues

Netball – Woodward Park
Girls Soccer – Ash Road
Boys Soccer – Ash Road
Rugby League – Jardine Park

Students depart school at 12 noon with games scheduled to commence at approximately 12.30pm
Tomorrow is
Walk Safely To School Day

This event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

It encourages children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning and end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
5/6M

5/6M has had a very busy start to the term.

At the beginning of the term, we were lucky enough to be part of an AFL clinic run by the GWS Giants. Students learnt many important AFL skills, including kicking at a target. It was a great session and the students enjoyed themselves.

In literacy, we are learning about Narratives. Here, the students will be learning about how to make their own narratives more exciting and engaging to the reader using different writing techniques. This week we learnt about titles and the different techniques that authors use. Students had to come up with their own title for a story about a telephone that answers back. Some of their responses are below:

Kaylob: The Chatterbox
Kyanna: Smart Talker
Alana: The Talking Telephone

Keep up the great work 5/6M!
Miss Madern

What is happening in 1S…….

This term the boys and girls are learning many new and exciting things.

During guided reading we are focusing on predicting and questioning – these strategies are assisting all of us with our reading and comprehension skills.

HSIE – we are learning about “Workers In Our Community”. The students enjoyed our discussion this week about Police Officers and Fire Fighters. We were able to discuss what they do and the equipment that they use.

When I grow up………………

Lucas – I want to be a Police Officer so I can protect people.
Zara – I want to be a Police Officer to save people from the criminals.
Alem – I want to be a Fire Fighter so I can use my ladder to climb to the top of buildings and rescue people.
Lesi – I want to be a Fire Fighter so I can save people.
Brooke – I want to be a Fire Fighter and look after people, houses and animals.

This is what the students said Police Officers do:
Arrest people for driving too fast
Protect all of us
Return stolen things
Put criminals in jail

This is what the students said Fire Fighters do:
Help to stop our houses from burning down
Use their ladder to rescue people
Put out bushfires and protect the animals

Congratulations to 1S on their outstanding behaviour at the K-2 assembly yesterday – we were the best class and now we get to look after Preston T Bear. I am very proud of everyone 😊

Check out the front page to see our picture.
PSSA WINTER ROUND 1

Congratulations to all the students who represented Prestons PS at our first round of Winter PSSA for 2014. Students are to be commended on their great behaviour and fantastic team results.

**Netball**

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**Zone Cross Country**

On Tuesday 20th May, Mr Meoni and I had the pleasure of taking 41 amazing runners from Prestons PS to the Liverpool Zone Cross Country held at Chipping Norton Lakes. After the initial walking of the course, totalling 3km, the students were pumped and ready to compete.........and what a fantastic effort! Prestons shone! Their enthusiasm and their ‘never give up, I’ll just keep trying’ attitude was inspiring.

Another outstanding feature of the day was watching Prestons students cheer, support and encourage their friends and fellow peers on as they raced. Mr Meoni and I also wish to congratulate all participants on their outstanding personal effort in making and competing at Zone, and for their exemplary behaviour. It was an absolute pleasure taking them to such an important event in the school year.

A special mention needs to be given to Liana Symonds-Poynton for her outstanding effort in coming 1st in the 11 years girls race. She will be representing Prestons PS at the Sydney South West Cross Country Carnival at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. **Well done Liana. You are a champion!**

Mr Meoni and Mrs Seeney

![Image of students at Cross Country event]