Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

WELCOME BACK!

To open this week’s newsletter, I would like to welcome back all our students and families. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break and are ready for a busy and productive term. I would also like to welcome all our new students and families who have joined us this term. I’m sure that you will quickly realise what a wonderful school we have!

TODDLER STORY TIME

This term, we are kicking off a number of great programs to support the families of our students. One of these programs is the Toddler Story Time. This program is run by Mrs Naicker and Mrs Claydon and is designed to provide an opportunity for families and toddlers to get together and participate in a variety of literacy and early learning activities in our Library. The first of these sessions commenced on Tuesday. (See the picture above). More information about this fantastic program can be found on Page 2 of today’s newsletter.

PARENT ENGLISH CLASSES

Another program that will be commencing in Week 5, is a Parent English Class. This program will operate from 9:30am – 10:30am on Wednesday mornings. More information regarding this program will be provided in future newsletters – so stay tuned!!

NRL/UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG PROJECT

Last term, our school was selected to participate in a special project with the NRL and the University of Wollongong. The project is examining whether using an innovative Game Centered Approach to teaching games and sport can increase student learning and improve physical activity outcomes in PE lessons. The project is run in conjunction with the NRL’s ‘Backyard Rugby League Program’. Students in Year 4 will be participating in the project, which will be run during Weeks 1-4.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Last term, a note regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews was sent home with the student reports. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held NEXT Wednesday 23rd July, commencing at 3:10pm. If you would like to organise an interview, please complete the note and return it to school ASAP. If you are unable to attend an interview on this occasion, interviews can be organised at another mutually convenient time by contacting the School Office on 9602 7435.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

18/ 7/ 2014
Winter PSSA continues

22/ 7/ 2014
Toddler Story Time 2:20pm (Library)

23/ 7/ 2014
Parent Teacher Interviews

24/ 7/ 2014
Debate – Prestons PS V Liverpool PS

28/ 7/ 2014 - 1/8/ 2014
EDUCATION WEEK

28/ 7/ 2014 - 1/8/ 2014
Swim Scheme (Week 3)

4/ 8/ 2014
Dental Clinic at Prestons PS

Sport Highlights

PSSA Winter Sport

Friday 18th July

Venues

Netball – Woodward Park,
Liverpool

Girls Soccer – Amalfi Park,
Lurnea

Boys Soccer – Ash Road,
Prestons

Rugby League – Woodward
Park, Liverpool

Students depart school at
12 noon with games scheduled
to commence at approximately
12.30pm

Mark Greentree - Principal
School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

*Please note there will be no K-2 assembly in Week 2 – 23 July due to Hall being set up for parent teacher interviews.

Date | Host Class
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16th July | K/1RB
23rd July | Cancelled

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

Date | Host Class
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7th August | 4S
21st August | 3/4S

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 23rd July. Notes were sent home with students last term. Please return these notes to your child’s teacher asap. Spare notes are available at the office.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

If you would like for your child to attend the Canberra overnight excursion in Term 3, please return the expression of interest form and your non-refundable deposit of $50 to the office as soon as possible.

The total cost for this excursion is $185. For those students who have paid their $50 deposit, the balance outstanding is $135. Parents can finalise this balance by making regular part payments or by one full payment.

Kindergarten 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Children who turn 5 by the 31st July 2015 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2015. Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Book Club

Issue 5 has been distributed to students and orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 30th July 2014.

Toddler Story time

The toddler story time was a great success.

Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20 on Tuesday afternoons. Throughout the afternoon they will be involved in reading, drama and art activities. Parents and carers must attend with, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times.

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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<td>Tuesday 29th July 2014 6am - 8.00pm</td>
<td>Liverpool City Council, Blue Gum Room, Level 5, 33 Moore St, Liverpool 2170</td>
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Location - Club Marconi Prairiewale Rd, Bossley Park.

Fit and Healthy Tennis Lessons available at Club Marconi Tennis Centre.

Bookings & enquiries 9822 3336
Welcome Back for Term 3

I hope everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed the break from school. I sure am pleased to see that all my lovely students have returned back safely and hope you took some time to relax and recoup, as this term is shaping up to be a big and busy one. Before we go there, let’s glance back over Term 2 with 5/6T.

Term 2 - In the Classroom

The Year 5’s had NAPLAN, so this was a time of growing angst. I was extremely impressed with the way my students behaved during each test. To my Year 5 students, I want to say how very proud I am because as your teacher, I know you tried your best and that’s all that matters, regardless of marks or end results.

For HSIE, we learnt about Antarctica and an interesting fact that we won’t forget is: There are NO Polar Bears in Antarctica!

In Science we investigated how and why different objects float and sink. The learning was very hands on as the children conducted experiments and investigated through building.

A gardening club was organised and started for 5/6T, taking on the responsibility of the vegetable garden (in front of the Kindy toilets). We have been cleaning up the garden beds and preparing the soil, so hopefully this term (T3) we can plant some edible plants. We have also invited a buddy class (2V) to join in with us. Now, 5/6T students are peer models for a buddy they chose to work with. Following a class roster of rotating pairs, 2 students go down to water the garden every afternoon. Along the way we collect our buddies from 2V to help.

Finally, don’t forget parent interviews are coming up and I am looking forward to them. If you’d like an interview, be sure to send back the appointment slip as soon as possible, as there are limited spaces. Hope to see you then!

Mrs Tan
Monday 28th July

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Join the Kindergarten students as they celebrate 100 days of School, with a variety of activities and a special Teddy Bears Picnic.

Tuesday 29th July

Students will be given the composition proforma on Monday 21.7.14

Students K-6 are invited to write a short composition: "What I am most proud about my school." One student from each class will be chosen to step into Mr Greentree's shoes for a short period of time and be Principal for a session!

Wednesday 30th July

Students will be asked to create an artwork that reflects their favourite thing they like doing here at Prestons PS. These artworks will be collected and showcased throughout the school during the term.

Thursday 31st July

Open Day*

*Parents and Friends

Are invited to join us for recess then visit our classrooms. Come and see the wonderful learning that takes place here at Prestons!

Recess commences at 1:40pm
Open Classrooms commence at 2:15pm

Friday 1st August

Come and catch us at sport!*