Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Yesterday the school held our annual Parent/Teacher interviews. It was great to see so many parents make use of this valuable opportunity to gain greater insight into the education and progress of their child/children. Attending Parent/Teacher interviews also provides students with a tangible example of how their parents value education, and it really strengthens the home/school partnership. Thank you to all the parents who participated in this process. I hope you all found it to be a valuable exercise. A HUGE thank you also to the members of the P&C who operated a small canteen, selling tea, coffee and snacks to our community. It is always a pleasure to see such a dedicated group of people supporting our school.

If you did not get the opportunity to have an interview with your child’s teacher, you can still organise one for another time by contacting the school office.

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Next week, our school will be hosting a number of activities to celebrate “Education Week 2014”. A list of the activities can be found on the back page of today’s newsletter. I hope to see you all here during the week!

**PRINCIPAL FOR A SESSION**

One of our activities to celebrate Education Week this year, is “Principal for a Session”. All students were invited to write a short text, outlining “What makes you proud to be a student at Prestons Public School?” The best submission from each class was then selected to be ‘Principal for a Session’. The staff were VERY IMPRESSED with the work produced by the students, a number of these compositions will be posted onto our school website and Facebook page. The winning students from each class will now join me for a session next Tuesday, to ‘step into my shoes’ and be the Principal for a session. Stay tuned for photos!

**DENTAL CLINIC**

In Week 4, we will be having a dental clinic visiting the school. Notes for this were sent home last term, with additional notes reissued last week. If you would like your child to access this service, please complete the forms and send them back to school.

Mark Greentree - Principal
School Information

Toddler Story time

Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20 on Tuesday afternoon. 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.

Student of the Week Award Recipients

KL - Mohammed
KS - Ergun
K/1RB - Sicily
1J - Elina
1M - Jessica
1S - Shruti
2H - Griffen
2M - Rohmanah
2V - Brenden

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.

Reminder!!
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.
5/6R

5/6 R students are already immersing themselves in what is shaping up to be a busy Term 3.

Looking forward to the term ahead, 5/6 R is excited about its two major focuses in HSIE and Science - Government and Earth's Place in Space.

The term’s focus in HSIE is on Government and students will learn all about the three levels of Government and their roles in Australia. The HSIE unit will culminate with the trip to Parliament House and the overnight stay in Canberra - very exciting!

In Science, we have already discussed the way in which scientific beliefs change over time as we learn more about the world. 'Earth's Place in Space' also gives us the chance to learn about the importance of the Sun and the way in which the Earth, Moon, Sun and other planets interact in our solar system. Of particular interest to the class is the role space travel may play in our future and what chance there is of human settlement on other planets. We hope to develop a better understanding of these issues throughout the unit.

On Wednesday evening, at the parent teacher interviews, it was a pleasure to meet the parents of the wonderful students of 5/6 R. For those parents that I didn't meet yesterday, I am sure I will see you around the school at different stages and I look forward to working in partnership with both parents and students of 5/6 R for the remainder of the year.

Mr Wilson

Stage 3 Scientists

A group of Year 5 students are participating in a Science Enrichment program at Casula H.S. each Wednesday afternoon during Term 3.

The students have accepted the exciting challenge of undertaking their own research project through CREST (Creativity in Science & Technology).

During the first session yesterday the students had the opportunity to use Benedict’s Solution and heating apparatus to test for sugars in pasta, a cookie, bread and sultanas. Surprisingly the bread and pasta contain sugar!
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.

Wednesday 30th July

My School

28 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2014

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 1:10pm
Open Classrooms commence at 2:15pm

Friday 1st August

Come and catch us at sport!*