Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENING AT PRESTONS PS!!

I know I am probably very biased, but I think that Prestons Public School is an OUTSTANDING school! This statement is based not on the fact that I have the fortunate opportunity to lead such a great school, but rather on the fact that the programs we provide the students and community are continually improving to ensure that our school is second to none!

Our staff consistently go ‘above and beyond’, to ensure that our students are provided such diverse opportunities, to engage, challenge and enhance the learning of EVERY student. A number of staff have committed themselves to working with students during lunch breaks, before school and after school to enable them to participate and develop their talents in the areas of sport, dance, debating, drama and singing. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, staff are also participating in extensive professional learning to enhance the way we deliver our educational programs. We are also very fortunate to have an extremely committed support staff who not only keep the administration side of our school running like clockwork, but also care for our students when they are sick or injured, provide additional learning assistance to students who are learning to read, and work tirelessly to enhance the physical environment of our school to ensure that it is something that we ALL can be proud of!

And now, we are about to make things EVEN BETTER!

At the start of the term, we commenced a toddler reading program to support the learning of the younger members of our community. On Monday, we commenced a fully funded dance/movement program for ALL students. Next Wednesday, we will commence a Parent English Class. We will also be hosting a free Dental clinic next week to provide an additional ‘non educational’ service to our families. Yep – as I said at the start – Prestons Public School is an OUTSTANDING school!

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday night, commencing at 6pm in the Staffroom. I hope many of our parents will come and join us for the meeting.

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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Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Reminder notes have been sent home with students regarding payments that are due.
All outstanding balances must be finalised by Wednesday 27th August.

Lost Property
To help with lost items being returned to your child, please ensure that you label all items of clothing, especially hats and jumpers with your child's name.
Lost property is sought through regularly, items that are clearly labelled are returned to classrooms.

School Banking
All bank books need to be handed in at the office each Wednesday morning by 9.30am. Bank books that are handed in late will not be processed.

Toddler Story Time
Any parents and carers who are interested should bring their toddler along to the school library at 2:20pm 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.

Student of the Week Award Recipients
KL  - Isabel & Shania
KS  - Andrew & Lara
K/1RB - Arnav & Steve
1J  - Caleb & Zakariyah
1M  - Aden & Shams
1S  - Salelesi
2H  - Paige & Pera
2M  - Elijah & Abbas
2V  - Timothy & Timothy
3B  - Reem & Katelyn
3S  - Ben & Hayfah
3/4S - Ethan & Rishika
4C  - Sadrudin & Vishnu
4S  - Sana & Mohammed
4/5J - Jelitta & Clantha
5/6H - Kyesha & Clantha
5/6M - Janelle & Umar
5/6R - Abby & Ronan
5/6T - Yousuf & Emma

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Award Assembly
On Friday 15th August there will be an assembly commencing at 9.30am in the Hall to present Years 3-6 students with their awards from the athletics carnival. Eight year old students from Year 2 who participated will also attend the assembly.

Bookclub
Issue 5 bookclub orders have arrived. These orders have been distributed to students.

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.

Group Photos
Group photos of Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Library Monitors, PALS and SRC are on display in the school notice board. Order forms are available from the office. All orders must be returned to school by Thursday 28th August, 2014.

Active after School
Active after School has commenced for Term 3, 2014.
K-2 Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm
3-6 Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm.
Please ensure prompt pick up.
Students who have been selected for these programs have been notified with a note that was sent home advising of selection. Due to limited numbers not every child was able to join for Term 3. Students not selected this term will be considered for Term 4.
**Classroom Chat with .....**

**TAKE A PEEK IN 2H! 😊**

This term, 2H have been learning lots about bugs and insects. The students have been observing and investigating the habitats, diets and protection strategies of a wide range of mini beasts. 2H have welcomed a pet to their classroom, ‘Stanley’ who is a Cyclone Larry species of stick insect.

The students in 2H have been engaging in a ‘BIG writing’ session once a week where they must write creatively about a provided topic and then critically evaluate their work during a one on one session with Miss Higgins. During this chat, we discuss the wonderful work the students have produced and how they can improve for next time. The students thoroughly enjoy their BIG writing sessions! This term Miss Higgins has commended 2H on their wonderful efforts to show their respect during assembly time. In return for their beautiful behaviour, 2H have made a home for Preston T.Bear in their classroom for 3 weeks in a row! Welldone 2H!!

**Term Three in 3B**

This term has been another hectic term in 3B. We have been taking part in many activities such as swim scheme, PSSA and spelling bee.

Some new students have entered our class and we are displaying our wonderful Prestons manners and showing them around the school.

Last week we took part in many Education Week activities. On Monday we came in from lunch to discover our school bags were missing. We wrote many different kinds of writing to find out where our bags had gone. Eventually we found them next door. Luckily, because we were all starving and wanted our recess!
Footsteps Dance

Parent English Classes

If you would like to develop your conversational English skills then our parent English classes are for you!

Week 5 - Wednesday 13th August
9am-10:00am

A Meet and Greet morning tea for any interested parents. Come along and listen to our ideas for the parent English classes and share your ideas.

Beginning in Week 5 this term, we will be trialling some Parent English Classes. The purpose of these classes will be to assist parents to develop their English skills so that they can confidently communicate in everyday situations such as at school, home or the shopping centre.

Class content will be developed based on the needs and interests of parents attending.

Weekly classes will be run by Mrs Naicker and Mrs Claydon on a Wednesday morning, 9am-10:30am.