Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**DENTAL CLINIC AT PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL**

If you have driven past our school along Kurrajong Road this week, you will have no doubt noticed the mobile Dental Clinic ‘caravan’ parked in our school grounds. If you think it looks fairly impressive from the outside – you should see the inside! I was fortunate enough to have a tour of the clinic today whilst a few of our students were preparing for their check up. With three fully equipped examination areas, state of the art dental x-ray equipment, an autoclaving and sterilising station, and a data processing area. This van is certainly a professionally organised outfit. Even more surprising, was the happy and excited attitude of the students as they waited for their check up. (Obviously no one told them that they are supposed to be ‘scared’ before going to see the dentist!) It was also great to see smiling faces on the students as they left the dental clinic, happy with the overall experience of visiting the dentist!

If you would like your child to receive a check up while the dental clinic is still at our school, there is still time. Just collect a form from the office, fill it in and return it to school NO LATER than THIS FRIDAY.

**ATHLETE’S FOOT LIVERPOOL**

The Athlete’s Foot Liverpool has offered to support our school as part of their School Rewards Program. The program is fairly simple, and basically provides a donation back to the school for each pair of shoes (regardless of brand or type) purchased. The program is as follows:
1. Join The Athlete’s Foot Liverpool free ClubFit Family Program.
2. Every shoe purchased by members in the family - $5.00 will be given back to the School all year round.
3. Shoes purchased can be for any activity like School, Sport, Soccer, Running and much more.
4. Families will also receive their own benefits from the Membership, like VIP Sales, Giveaways and much more...

**SCIENCE FUN DAY & MUFTI DAY – NEXT THURSDAY**

Next Thursday, our school will be holding a Science Fun Day and Mufti Day. On this day students will be participating in a variety of science activities, commencing with a special morning assembly visit by some students from Casula HS, who will be talking to us about their experiences with NASA. Students will also be able to wear mufti clothes on this day. More information will be coming home soon regarding both of these events – so stay tuned!!

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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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.

The Kindergarten/Preschool Transition Program will be commencing on Monday 13th October and the Orientation Day will be on Wednesday 5th November 2014. Further information will be sent home at a later date.

Bookclub

Issue 6 brochures have been distributed to students. Orders for this issue are due back to the office by Thursday 28th August.

Newsletter

The school newsletter, excursion notes and other information can be viewed on the school website: www.prestons-.schools.nsw.edu.au

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.

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.

Stage 1 George’s River EEC Excursion

Friday 12th September – Week 9
Students need to be at school at 8.30am. Please hand in your signed permission note and money to office by Wednesday 29th August (Week 7).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KL - Lachlan & Thomas
KS - Leilani & Kaelan
K/1RB - Shane & Gracie
1J - Tara & Talosaga
1M - Cooper & Anamika
1S - Brooke
2H - Lara & Chanelle
2M - Fatima & Dania
2V - Evynn
3B - Yeliz & Likari
3S - Jesse & Kodi
3/4S - Jasmin & Ghuzlan
4C - Sherwin & Christina
4S - Guven & Emma
5/6H - Rena & Diana
5/6M - Luke & Tara
5/6R – Ben & Clarissa

Prestons Hornets Cricket Club

Prestons Hornets Cricket Club are looking for boys and girls (all ages) to play cricket this season, starting in September. For further information please contact Dave on 0401 654 207
This term is another busy and exciting term. Kindergarten students celebrated their 100 days at school with a Teddy Bears Picnic and other fantastic activities.

Then we had Education week and some students had the opportunity to be the Principal for a session.

Starting week 4, every Monday, students have been participating in the Footsteps Dance Program. KS students are having a great time at Footsteps dance.

During Literacy, some Kindergarten students have been working with Miss Pezzano. In writing this term Kindergarten students are learning to write an information report. They have been working hard and with support are starting to write some good reports.

**Elephants**

*Elephants are the biggest mammal that lives on land.*
*Elephants have a big body and two tusks. They have a big trunk and two little eyes.*
*Elephants are found in Asia and Africa. They live in the jungle there.*
*Elephants eat leaves and fruits.*

By Leilani

In TEN groups students are learning to count forwards and backwards to solve addition and subtraction problems. They are using numbers lines and other strategies to count on and back.

This week in 4/5J we have been busy typing up our awesome writing samples in the new computer lab. Our work can be viewed in the writing folders located in the office.

Our writing this term is revolving around our Science topic ‘Earths Place in Space’. This week we are being inspired by the book ‘Twinkle’ by Nick Bland and using this to create fabulous poems about stars.

We have also enjoyed a fantastic ‘Footsteps’ lesson on Monday where we learnt a dance called ‘Am to Pm’. It was great to see everyone getting so involved and having a great time.

The mini fair is being held in week 9. Stay tuned for information regarding this! If there are any parents who would like to volunteer their time to help 4/5J out on the day please contact Miss Jordan. Your help would be greatly appreciated.
Premier’s Reading Challenge for this year must be finalised by 11.59pm on 22nd August, 2014. Records must be completed by then for students to be eligible for the 2014 certificate. If your children are nearly there, please make sure they have recorded their books so that I can validate their entries. Students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two are completing the Challenge as part of their Library lesson and we will record their books for them at school.

If your child is recording their books in The Premier’s Reading Challenge themselves, below are instructions on how to enter their books on the website.

1. Log on to the internet, any browser will do.
2. In Google type DET Portal. Go to ‘my portal login page’
3. Type in user name. Usually first name – full stop – last name. Eg: natalie.hawkins
   Some students may have a number at the end but generally they know.
4. Type in password
5. Go to Premier’s Reading Challenge.
6. Students can record the books they read.

Please see Mrs Hawkins or Miss McMaster in the Library most days after school for help. If you are having trouble getting on to the web site, please come and see me as soon as possible.

Children in Kindergarten will be doing the challenge with their class teachers and I will record their books in August. If you would like Mrs Hawkins or Miss McMaster to record your books for you, your yellow reading log MUST be handed into the Library by Tuesday 19th August.

Mrs Natalie Hawkins: Librarian