Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT - WOW!!

Last Friday, it was great to see such a huge number of families join us for our 3rd Annual Community Movie Night. As in previous years, only half the tickets were pre ordered before the event, with a lot of families turning up on the night to purchase tickets at the gate. While it was great to have such a positive response, you can imagine the difficulting in organising food etc to cater for the crowd. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Bates and Ms Micheli from the P&C who coordinated the event, and a MASSIVE thank you also to all the members of the P&C (and their children) who helped out on the night. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the large number of staff members (and family members of staff) who generously gave up their Friday night, to help with the running of the event and share in this special night!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY

Next Wednesday 11th November, we will be hosting our Kindergarten Orientation Program for families and students commencing Kindergarten at Prestons Public School in 2016. Invitations have been mailed out to all families who have completed enrolment forms at the Front Office. We have a wonderful program planned this year, with some student performances, some important speakers, a delicious morning tea and a great ‘showbag’ for our 2016 Kindergarten students. While parents are participating in the program scheduled in the hall, the preschoolers will be doing a variety of activities in the Kindergarten rooms with the 2016 teachers. The event will commence at 9:30am and conclude at 11am. If you have not received an invitation and are enrolling your child in Kindergarten at Prestons in 2016, please contact the office BEFORE Wednesday to ensure that you don’t miss out!!

ROAD SAFETY – PLEASE HELP!!

On a number of occasions through the year, I have asked the parent community to exercise extreme caution and obey the road safety rules around our school. Recently we have had driving in a dangerous manner, parking illegally, making u-turns unsafely (near hitting pedestrians) and travelling through the school carpark. The Police and council have been notified and will be monitoring the situation - so please be safe!!

Mark Greentree – Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

11/11/2015
Kindergarten Orientation
11/11/2015
Remembrance Day Ceremony - 12 noon
16/11/2015
Yr 5 Selective HS 2017 applications close
17/11/2015
Stage 2 Explore Sydney
23/11/2015
Stage 3 Lurnea HS "GREASE"
1/12/2015
K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day
2/12/2015
School Disco
7/12/2015
Yr 6 Farewell
9/12/2015
Sport Presentation Day
10/12/2015
Presentation Day

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday 6th November

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool
Cricket - Phillips Park, Lurnea

Please ensure your child has their hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks.

Students depart school at 9.30am and will return to school by 12.30pm
On Wednesday, 11th November, Prestons PS we will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony at 12 noon for approximately 10 minutes. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Children are asked to bring flowers for the ceremony.

**Stage 2 Explore Sydney Excursion**

Notes have gone home for the Stage 2 students for the excursion to Sydney. This will be held on Thursday 17th November.

The cost of this excursion is $16.00. Permission notes and payment are due to the office by 6th November.

**K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day**

Notes have gone home for the K-2 & 2/3J Movie Day on Tuesday 1st December.

Students will be watching the animated film “Hotel Transylvania 2".

The cost of this excursion is $16.00. Permission notes and payment are due to the office by 25th November.

**2015 Year 5 Students Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017**

Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 10 March 2016.

**P&C Used Uniform Shop**

The used uniform shop will be open Friday mornings from 8.30am for approximately 1 hour. The shop is located behind the hall.

**Toddler Reading Group**

Is held in the Library each Tuesday at 2.15pm
5/6M

5/6M is delighted to have the chance to allow everyone a glimpse into what we’ve been concentrating on in term 4.

In class, we have been using lots of Information communication technology to research multitudes of interesting facts about our chosen country. We have been compiling this information into detailed information reports.

We’ve also been learning about the amazing power of electricity. We have started to research the ways in which it is produced and it’s various uses. We are also examining the flow of electricity and the need for a continuous circuit.

5/6M has been focusing on our gymnastic skills in physical education. Our forward roles, static balance, landing technique and handstands are all coming along wonderfully!

LIBRARY

What a fabulous term 4 we have had in the library so far! Students had the opportunity this term to get books from the book fair. We also got to dress up as our favourite book character for the Book Week parade. We had such a great time and really had the chance to appreciate the books we love to read!

In the library this term, Stage 1 has been participating in challenging themselves to read for a set amount of time. We have also been listening to some fascinating stories and have a chance to write and draw our favourite parts.

Stage 2 has been looking into various fairytales. We have had the opportunity to watch fairy-tales and compare it to the storyline we are familiar with. It has been interesting to see how many different versions there are.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the term and our library time!

Classroom Chat with …..
School Student Transport Scheme Applications

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region.

Just like current paper travel passes, the school opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days.

Students with school travel passes this year will have automatic renewal and do not need to apply for a school opal card.

Students who are changing schools, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 will need to apply.

The application can be found at: www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500

Students who do not need to apply will have a school opal card sent to school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.