Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Principal’s Message**

**P&C MEETING**

On Tuesday night, the Prestons Public School P&C Association held its first meeting for 2015. It was FANTASTIC to see SO MANY people turn up to the meeting. (I think we may have even set a new record)! It was great to see a bunch of new faces at our P&C meeting, and it would be even better if we could boost our numbers even further! It is not a massive commitment – simply 2 meetings per term!

As the main voice for parents within our school, I hope that more parents take the opportunity to demonstrate their genuine commitment towards their children’s future by making this small effort and attend some of the meetings. During Tuesday’s meeting, I discussed with the P&C our classing structures for 2015, staffing changes and some of the programs that are kicking off in 2015. We are also going to trial a daytime P&C briefing meeting in week 9, so provide greater opportunity for more people to attend. I hope more parents can join us on the P&C for what is sure to be a great and successful year at Prestons Public School.

**SCHOOL CARPARK – NO GO ZONE!!!**

Please be aware, that the staff car park IS NOT FOR PARENT OR STUDENT USE. Due to the fact that we often have delivery vehicles entering and exiting, it is NOT a safe environment for dropping off or picking up students. The car park is for staff and authorised personnel ONLY. Please assist us to maintain the safety of ALL our students, by NOT using the staff car park.

**MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – REMINDER**

Next Friday, we will be hosting our Annual ‘Meet The Teacher’ BBQ. This has been a wonderfully supported event since 2012 and I look forward to bigger and better things this year. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (Which was published in last week’s newsletter). If you would like to attend, please fill in the RSVP that is published on the back page of today’s newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all here!!

**MORNING SUPERVISION**

At this early stage in the year, it is probably a great time to remind the community of our Morning Supervision policy. It is becoming a safety concern that students are arriving early to school and are left unsupervised in the playground during the morning. Supervision of students in the playground commences at 8:30am under the COLA – Covered Outdoor Learning Area in the main playground. Prior to this time, teachers are unable to provide direct supervision, as they are required to complete a variety of other tasks before the morning bell. Please assist us in protecting the safety of our students by ensuring that they arrive at school between 8:30 – 9:00am. If you require supervision before this time, please contact the CubbyHouse Childcare (our Before and After School care provider) on 1300 282 292 to arrange Before and After School Care, or make further alternative arrangements.

Mark Greentree - Principal
School Information

Kinder News

The early pick up time for Kindergarten students will end this Friday 20th February.

Kindergarten students will finish school at 3pm from Monday 23rd February.

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays 2.20pm in the library

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.

Helping Your Kindy Child Succeed At School

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


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.

Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.

Kinder to Year 2

To assist in the event of toileting accidents and spills it would be appreciated if parents could keep a change of clothing, including socks and underwear, in their child’s bag. This will help to ensure your child is changed quickly as spare clothing is not always available from the office.

Newsletter

The school newsletter, excursion notes and other information can be viewed on the school website: www.prestons.schoo...
Classroom Chat with .....  

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Using the iPads, we researched interesting and fun facts to develop our understanding of Australia Day. In small groups we designed posters using information, colours and images that represent Australia Day.

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2S

First term is always a very busy term. Students move into new classes, have new class mates and a new class teacher. 2S students have settled into their new class very well.

For the first couple of weeks our theme is Friendship and we have been reading imaginative texts to explore, gain more knowledge and skills in this area.

In Mathematics, as an introductory activity, 2S students completed a profile: ‘Math About Me’. Here are some of their brilliant work samples.

2S students enjoy doing arts and this term we are learning about two elements of art: line and colour. Part of this lesson was creating a colour wheel. Below are some examples of their art work.

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Library News

Welcome back to another wonderful year in the Prestons Public School Library.

The library timetable has been finalised. Each class has been allocated the following days for borrowing:

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The library is also open at eating time lunch and recess for borrowing on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kindergarten, Y1 and Y2 need a library bag to borrow. This can be a school library bag, pillow case or sturdy material bag. Please ensure your child’s name and class is prominently marked on the outside of the bag. Books may be borrowed for two weeks and renewed once when necessary. Books become overdue after two weeks and students will not be allowed to borrow unless they are returned.

The library program has begun. Kindergarten students are being introduced to the Library, borrowing and returning procedures and features of story books such as title, author, illustrator and spine. We will be reading many books relating to beginning school. I have asked the students to keep their library books in the library bag when they are not using them. This way they are unlikely to get mixed up with their own books. Stages 2 and 3 students have been asked to borrow regularly as part of their Home Reading program and in preparation for the increased demands of high school in coming years.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s library experience, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs Nat Hawkins
Teacher Librarian

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Meet the Teacher’ Community BBQ,

Please return to school NO LATER than Wednesday 25th February (Week 5)

Family Name:.............................................. Class/Classes: ..............

Number of People attending.........................
Please circle your sausage preference: Chicken or Beef (Halal)

Note: Sausage on a Roll and a drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional Sausages on rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for $2 each.

For more information call the office on 9602 7435.