Dear Parents and Caregivers,

STUDENT HEALTH WARNING - SHINGLES

It has been reported to the office today, that a student from our school has a diagnosed case of Shingles. Shingles is the reactivation of the virus that causes Chickenpox, and it is highly contagious. The illness is characterised by a painful chickenpox-like rash on a small area of skin, usually on one side of the body. The virus can be spread by direct contact with the skin rash of infected people. This causes chickenpox in people who are not immune. Shingles develops more commonly in people who are immunosuppressed. If your child shows symptoms of Chickenpox or Shingles, please take them to a GP immediately, and keep them home (to prevent the virus from spreading further) until advised by your GP.

STUDENT ISSUES - HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Recently, I have dealt with a number of student issues that could possibly have been prevented if we all followed some simple guidelines.

1. Our children will sometime in their school life have an issue that will impact on their happiness. In order to assist our children to grow and develop resilience (and I speak not only as an experienced educator but also a father of 3 boys under 12) we should encourage our children to first attempt to resolve the issue themselves. Best strategies are usually talking about issues, or moving on from issues that have occurred in the past.

2. If our children continue to have problems at school, the best people to solve them are the teachers and Principal. We have been trained to deal specifically with student issues, to ensure that students achieve success, and often we can resolve the problems effectively when we are given the chance.

3. If we work together - we can achieve more than if we work in opposition. At the end of the day, we want the same thing - happy and successful students!

P&C AGM

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, commencing at 6pm in the Staffroom. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and join in the leadership of our great school. I look forward to see many of you there!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

13/3/2105
Parent English Class- 9am - 10.30am

17/3/2015
P&C AGM - 6.00pm Staffroom

18/3/2015
Book club Issue 2 orders due

25/3/2015
School Disco

30/3/2015
Toon School - Stage 3

2/4/2015
Easter Parade
Last day of Term 1

21/4/2015
Students return - Term 2

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday
13th March

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool

Cricket - Bye - Students will remain at school

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

Students depart school at 12 noon with games scheduled to commence at approximately 12.30pm
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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CLASS OF 2015

Yr 6 T-Shirts

Orders for the Year 6 T-Shirts have closed. The balance of $14.00 is to be paid to the office by Wednesday 29th April. Students will be issued with their shirts once the order is received and the remaining balance has been paid.

School Photos 2015

School photos for 2015 will be on Monday 11th May. So parents can plan for this cost, student photo packages will range in price from $20 to $40.

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.

Book Club

Issue 1 book orders have been delayed due to a delivery issue. Once received, the orders will be distributed to students.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?

This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

How Much?

The voluntary contribution for 2015 is: $30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

What Will The Money Be Used For?

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!

Currently $ 846.00

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KH - Mercy & Aisha
KP - Ahmed & Hunter
KRB - Zehad & Veer
KS - Joseph & Mireya
1M - Alicia & Daniel
1T - Ayoub & Noah
1/2N - Kevin & Nour
2S - Shruti & Rhani
2W - Kristian & Tia
2/3J - Cooper & Youshaman
3-6 - Cita
3/4A - George & Hafza
3/4M - William & Nivedita
3/4P - Blake & Suhail
3/4S - Katrina & Noah
3/4V - Steven & Christina
5/6B - Muhammad & Mohammed
5/6J - Elijah & Abby
5/6M - Rania & Joshua
5/6R - Indiana & Ben
5/6T - Hibaaq & Nelly
5/6W - Nura & Shaheem

Parent English Classes

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

Classes will be held on
Friday mornings
9am - 10.30am

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays 2.20pm
In the Library
Parents & carers must attend, assist and be responsible for their toddler at all times.
Classroom Chat with ..... 

Take a peek in KH this week!

KH have had a fantastic start to their learning journey here at Prestons Public School. The students in KH have begun learning about the letters in the alphabet and are working towards recognising a range of sight words.

This term during Science, we are learning about how to care for living things and have recently welcomed a family of hermit crabs into our classroom. The students are very excited about our class pets and enthusiastically engage in Science lessons once a

In KH we enjoy playing maths games and engaging in small group activities where students are able to practise their counting skills and consistently identifying numerals. The boys and girls in KH should be commended for all of their efforts so far this term! Well done KH!

5/6W

5/6W is enjoying settling into new routines and surroundings in 2015. It is a particularly exciting time for Year 6 students that now find themselves in leadership positions as the most senior students in the school. For Year 5 students the move into Stage 3 has been exciting and challenging, if only for the difficulty keeping a white shirt clean poses.

In the classroom we have our investigative minds at work as Change Detectives and are immersing ourselves on life in the goldfields. What has really captured our attention this week has been the way in which the events of over a century ago still impact our own lives today. Our Fridays are jam packed with the peer support program up and running as well as PSSA sport, at school sport and a variety of clubs such as cooking and gardening that the students are enjoying.

Outside the classroom Year 6 students were lucky enough to be invited to Lurnea HS to experience some high school lessons. The students had a great time in the cooking room baking lemonade scones, which I can assure you were delicious (thanks for sharing 😊), and also developing geography skills to plan a trip around the world.

All in all we are shaping up for a fantastic year and look forward to sharing our experiences with you again next term.

Have a great week Mr Wilson and 5/6W 😊
**DISCO**

As part of Year 6 fundraising, we will be hosting a school Disco, which will be held on

**Wednesday 25th March**

The money raised from the disco will go towards the cost of a school gift which will be presented to our school at the end of the year from our Year 6 students.

**Where:** School Hall

**K-2 - 5:00pm-6:00pm & 3-6 - 6:15pm-7:30pm**

**Cost:** $5 (includes free glowstick)

**Lollies on sale from 50c - $2**

Permission notes and payment will be collected at the door on entry.

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The staff at Prestons Public School are encouraging all students to participate in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 only need to have 30 books read to them. Twenty five of these must be off the challenge list. The other five can be free choice books. This will be done in class and during Library lessons and will be recorded by Mrs Hawkins online. In Years 3 – 6, students need to read twenty books, fifteen off the list. As most of the reading will be done at home we really need your help. Please ensure your child is recording the books they have read on their orange reading record and are taking this regularly to their Library lessons to be recorded online.

Books that students have read since September are able to be recorded on their reading record. This record can be done on the orange form from school and submitted for Mrs Hawkins to record online at school. It can also be accessed through the DET Portal. Students may record their own books on-line that they have read at home, in their classrooms or in the library during opening hours.

I will outline the procedure here but if you are unable to get on please pop in to the library and I will try to solve your problems.

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. E.g. Harry.Potter
4. Type in password.
5. Go to Learning (+), then more, then Go to Premier’s Reading Challenge.
6. Click on log on, then ‘Student Reading Records’. Students can record the books they read.

I am also here most days after school for help.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge app is now being upgraded and is temporarily available offline only.