Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**P&C AGM - OUTSTANDING!!!**

A pleasing trend has started this year - a major increase in attendance at our P&C meetings! At our first meeting in Week 4, I was pleasantly surprised to see approximately 20 people. I was even more surprised to see this number replicated at our AGM on Tuesday Night, when traditionally we have struggled to get more than seven people attending this important meeting. Not only did we have a great attendance, but we also were able to elect new members to the P&C executive, something that we haven’t been able to do for the last few years. The positive vibe that came from the parents who attended was clearly evident, and indicative of the positive culture that we are continuing to build at Prestons PS. On behalf of the Prestons school community, I would like to extend our thanks to the outgoing President and Treasurer - Mr Rosch and Mr Vassiliou for their commitment and dedication to the Prestons Public School community over the many years that they have filled these roles. We also welcome our new executive members - Mrs Micheli (President), Mr Rosch (Vice President), Mrs Deeth (Treasurer), Mrs Bates (Secretary) and Mrs Tran (P&C Auditor). I look forward to working with the new executive and the rest of our (increasing) P&C to continue to improve our wonderful school.

**P&C BRIEFING MEETING**

This morning the P&C held their first P&C Briefing meeting. These meetings have been implemented following requests from the parent community to provide an opportunity for families who are unable to attend P&C meetings, to remain informed and provide input to the P&C. These meetings will be held in Weeks 4 and 8 on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am following each P&C meeting. Issues that are raised at these meetings will be presented and discussed at the next P&C meeting. I hope these opportunities allow more of our parent community to participate in this important process.

**P&C EASTER MUFTI DAY - THURSDAY 26th MARCH**

Next Thursday students are invited to come to school in mufti clothes. Instead of a gold coin donation on this day, students are asked to donate an Easter egg (or packet of Easter eggs). These donations will be used to make some WONDERFUL Easter Egg Bundles that will be used as prizes for our Annual Easter Egg raffle. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Parade at the end of the term. The more eggs we get – the more prizes we can offer! Please remember (as a safety consideration), that students must wear closed shoes – no thongs or sandals allowed.

Mark Greentree - Principal

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**2015 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **20/3/2015** Parent English Class - 9am - 10.30am
- **20/3/2015** Yr6 High School Forms Due
- **24/3/2015** Toddler Story Time 2.20pm
- **25/3/2015** School Disco
- **26/3/2015** P&C Easter Mufti Day
- **30/3/2015** Toon School - Stage 3
- **2/4/2015** Easter Parade
- **21/4/2015** Last day of Term 1
- **3/4/2015** Students return - Term 2

**PSSA Summer Sport**

**Friday 20th March**

*Oz-Tag* - Woodward Park, Liverpool

*Cricket* - Amalfi Park, Lurnea

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.

**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.

**Facts About Fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha!

Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


**Year 6 Students Moving Into Year 7 In 2016**

Completed High School Expression of Interest forms need to be returned to the office no later than Friday 20th March 2015.

Any parent needing assistance with the completion of this form should contact the office.

**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

**Sounding Out Aloud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


**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.
Classroom Chat with ..... 

2/3J

What a wonderful start to 2015. The students in 2/3J are all enthusiastic, self-motivated learners.

We begin each morning with our sentence program. This program is designed to help enhance each the students’ ability to create more dynamic sentences. Each week the grammar focus, changes. So far this term students have learnt to correctly incorporate a variety of punctuation, conjunctions, pronouns, proper nouns and adjectives into their sentences.

During maths, 2/3J have been very busy revising previously learnt strategies and learning new strategies for solving addition and subtraction questions. These strategies include the split strategy, compensation strategy and the written algorithm. Students have also had a lot of fun learning about time and using stop watches to time their friends completing different tasks.

It has been a very busy start to the year and the students have already learnt so much... and there is still so much to look forward to including; tablet technology classes with Mrs Hawker, the cross country carnival and the Easter Hat Parade.

Remember, Friday is our library day so please bring in your purple borrowing folder so you can borrow each Friday. The book you borrow on Friday is the book used for your homework reading tasks.

Friday is sport day for 2/3J, remember to wear your sports uniform and running shoes so we can get active!

3/4M

As part of our Literacy and HSIE unit First Fleet, students in 3/4M have been reading Nanberry. The story tells of Australia’s first surgeon and the boy he adopted. Students have gained a deep understanding the impact that the First Fleet had and the struggles that were faced on a daily basis.

In drama, 3/4M have joined with 3/4S and 3/4V and in small groups students have prepared and rehearsed a little promotion/ advertisement for the tall ship they have built pointing out the features of their design. Students

I would also like to thank the parents and families of 3/4M coming to the “Meet the Teacher” barbeque the other week. It was great to meet and talk to you and I look forward to many more interactions in the future.

Keep up the great work 3/4M!

Mrs Madern
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.