Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone enjoyed the time away from school and made the most of the school holidays. This term is set to be a busy term, with NAPLAN, School Photos and the Cross Country carnival - all set to occur in the next few weeks!! Later this term we will also be holding our Biannual Multicultural Day, so stay tuned for more information on that great event.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS RAITI

During the second week of the school holidays, Mrs Raiti was appointed to the role of Relieving Principal for Horsley Park Public School. This position will be for the duration of Term 2, and commences next Monday. Whilst we are extremely disappointed to see her go, we are very happy to see that her leadership, commitment and dedication have once again been recognised, I’m sure that she will do a fantastic job in this challenging Teaching Principal role. On behalf of all the staff, students and community at Prestons Public School, I would like to wish Mrs Raiti all the very best, and we look forward to hearing about her successes when she returns in Term 3.

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Next Friday 1st May (weather permitting), Prestons Public School will be holding its Annual Whole School Cross Country Carnival. The carnival will commence at 12 noon and will be held on our school grounds. As this is part of the school curriculum (PD/H/PE) all students from K-6 are required to participate. Students must wear a school hat, comfortable running shoes as well as sunscreen and bring a bottle of water. As in previous years, students are also encouraged to wear their house colours to the carnival, as this promotes team spirit and house pride. Parents and family members are encouraged to arrive at school at 11:15am and enjoy a picnic lunch with their child and then stay and watch the children run the cross country course.

Have a great term everyone!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

A picture says a thousand words........
**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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**ANZAC Ceremony**

Tomorrow, Friday 24th April we will be holding an ANZAC day ceremony at 10.15am for approximately 40 minutes. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Children are asked to bring flowers for the ceremony.

2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Once again Prestons PS will be participating in the 2015 ICAS competitions. Notes have been sent home to students years 3 to 6.

The permission note and payment need to be returned to the office no later than Friday 1st May 2015.

Science – 3rd June - $8.80
Writing – 15th-19th June - $18.70
Spelling – 16th June $12.10
English – 28th July $8.80
Mathematics – 11th August $8.80

No late payments will be accepted

**Book Club**

Issue 3 Book Club orders are due back to the office by Friday 8th May.

**YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2016**

(Year 4 Students 2015)

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:

- **Monday 27 April 2015**: Online applications open
- **Friday 15 May 2015**: Online applications close
- **Wednesday 22 July 2015**: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/Placement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/Placement)

Any parent requiring further information or assistance with this process should contact the office.

**Stage 3 Minnamurra Excursion**

Students in years 5 & 6 will be attending an excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest on Tuesday 5th May, 2015. The cost of this excursion is $25.

**The permission note and payment is to be returned to the office by Friday 24th April.**

**School Photos**

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.**

Student photo envelopes will be issued next week.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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**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.

"How many triangles can you see?"

(The answer will be in next week’s newsletter)
**Classroom Chat with .....**

**KP**

What a great time KP has had settling into Kindergarten at Prestons last term!

Our phonics program has focused on a variety of letters in the alphabet - KP has enjoyed bringing in an item from home to put on our ‘letter of the week’ table. We all get very excited when we can find the letter of the week during literacy groups too!

Students in KP have enthusiastically engaged in various numeracy lessons and hands on addition and subtraction activities. We love making patterns too!

We are looking forward to learning lots of new things in term 2!

**5/6J return from their holiday!**

It seems like the school year has only just begun, and yet Term 1 has already come to an end! 5/6J enjoyed finishing off the first term of the year in festive fashion with our Easter Hat Parade. It was amazing to see the efforts our students and families went to in creating elaborate Easter hats. Thank you to the parents and community members who joined us for the event and helped to make the day more special for our students.

Aside from the parade, 5/6J had lots of fun during Term 1 mining for gold with choc chip cookies, becoming cartoonists for a day and putting our detective caps on to investigate changes to everyday materials around us.

As we settle back into school, we turn our attention towards some of the exciting events on the horizon. In a significant week in Australia’s history, 5/6J are immersing themselves in a study of the ANZAC spirit. It is with great pride that we will commemorate the 100th anniversary at Friday’s ANZAC Day ceremony.

In Week 3, Stage 3 will be heading to Minnamurra Rainforest National Park to prepare students for our Term 2 HSIE unit ‘Global Environments: Rainforests’. We are definitely looking forward to this excursion!

5/6J are certainly ready for another busy and exciting term!

Miss Janabi ☺
**Mother’s Day Stall**

The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on **Thursday 7th May**.

Students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall during the day.

Gifts will range in price from $2-$20

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**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Students have been issued with a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. **You could win a $4000 FAMILY HOLIDAY by donating $2 and completing the entry details on the back of the envelope.**

Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation which provides refuge for children who may need a break from their regular schooling or family circumstances.

Each year Stewart House looks after 1,800 public school children across NSW and the ACT. These children take part in a 12 day residential program at the organisation’s headquarters on Sydney’s northern beaches.

Stewart House relies on donations so this service can continue. Your donation towards this will help and will put you in the draw to possibly win a $4000 family holiday.

Please return the envelope, with your details completed and your $2 donation enclosed to the office by Friday 8th May 2015.