Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**ANZAC CEREMONY**

Last Friday, I had the privilege of commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, with the staff, students and members of our community. The ceremony was beautifully organised and well run by members of our Student Representative Council (SRC). A big thank you to Miss Munzone and Mrs Raiti for their wonderful organisation, and to all our families who donated flowers to make this ceremony a truly memorable and respectful occasion.

**AFTERNOON SPORT RETURNS TO PRESTONS PS**

Following a successful application submitted by Miss Janabi, our school has been awarded a grant from the Australian Sports Commission as part of the Sporting Schools program. Commencing in Week 4, some of the staff and some external trainers, will be providing an after school sports program for our students. The program will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. A note outlining all the details of the program was sent home yesterday. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the note and return it ASAP as positions are limited!

**SPECIAL ART PROGRAM AT PRESTONS PS**

Last week the students in Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) commenced a special art program lead by Mrs Rita Ullrich. Every Tuesday, the students will experiment with a variety of art media and create personal artworks based around the theme that they are currently studying - rainforests. I look forward to seeing some of the fantastic work that will be produced. (This program will be expanded to include the other stages in our school later in the year.)

**ABORIGINAL MURAL**

You may have noticed when visiting or driving past our school, that the wall on our Administration block (facing Kurrajong road) has been painted white. This is the beginning of a wonderful Aboriginal Mural that is being painted by Local Aboriginal Elder - Uncle Steve Williams. The mural is a gift to the school from last years Year 6 cohort, I’m sure that it will be a spectacular new addition to our great school. We are very fortunate to have someone like Uncle Steve paint this mural in our school, and the students have already enjoyed watching and chatting with him while he has worked. If you would like to see some of the work that he has done in the past - google his name - he certainly is remarkable!

Mark Greentree - Principal
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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Stage 3 Minnamurra Excursion

Tuesday 5th May

Student numbers have been finalised for this excursion.

* Students need to be at school by 7.45am for an 8am departure.

*Students MUST bring their own lunch, recess, refillable water bottle and sunscreen.

*Mufti clothes can be worn, no sandals or thongs – comfortable shoes to be worn for bushwalking.

Year 5 & 6 Art Program

Students in Year 5 & 6 will be participating in a Creative Arts program each Tuesday this term.

It is requested that all students bring an old shirt to school, which can be worn as an art smock to protect their school uniform.

Donations of egg cartons and wool have also been requested. These donations can be taken to the students classrooms.

Cross Country

POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

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. 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. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours to the carnival, as this promotes team spirit and house pride.

Parents and family members can 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.

Lost Property

Lost property can be located in the administration foyer.

Please remember to write your child’s name on all items of clothing, especially jackets, jumpers and hats. Items that are labelled can easily be returned to students.

Can you solve this number puzzle?

The answer to last week’s puzzle was 13

School Photos

School photos for 2015 will be on Monday 11th May.

Student photo packages will range in price from $20 to $40. Family photo packages range in price from $15 to $20. Family envelopes can be collected from the office.

Student photo envelopes need to be returned on the day of the photos with the correct money enclosed. Online payments can be made by following the instructions on the payment envelope.

No change will be available from the office.

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)

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/ocplacement

Any parent requiring further information or assistance with this process should contact the office.
2W

2W have had a wonderful and enthusiastic start to the year.

During Term 1, as part of our science unit, students observed the life cycle of the Meal Worm. It was exciting to watch the changes the worms went through to become beetles.

Students in 2W love their “Slinky Fridays”. Students bring in an apple for “Crunch n Sip” which is then turned into an apple slinky using Mrs Webbs Slinky Apple Machine.

To commemorate ANZAC Day and the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, 2W drew some beautiful pictures of soldiers in poppy fields that have been posted to some of our current serving soldiers. Our school ANZAC service, along with our class lessons, showed students the importance of ANZAC Day.

It has been a pleasure teaching and getting to know the students of 2W.

Investigating and Creating in 3/4P

Students in 3/4P have been investigating how pollination occurs. They conducted an experiment to see how pollen is transferred from one plant to another by bees.

They also designed and built some tall ships, to represent the coming of the First Fleet. Some builders made the boats, while others created the people and food stores that were found on the tall ships. Ahmed was very proud of his representation of Captain Arthur Phillip.
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

Stewart House Donation Drive & Clothing Appeal

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.

Clothing donations are due back by Thursday 21st May 2015. Clothing donation bags can be handed to the office.

FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Know if your child is over a healthy weight?

Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Prestons Public School House Sports Colours

Students are allocated their sport house colour as per the first initial of their surname

A-D - GREEN (Banksia)  E-K - BLUE (Dampier)
L-Q - RED (Waratah)  R-Z - YELLOW (Wattle)