Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - NEXT MONDAY

Our Annual school photo day is scheduled for NEXT MONDAY. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform (black shoes if possible) and - most importantly - brings their smile to school with them! More information about Photo day can be found on Page 2 of today’s newsletter.

NAPLAN - NEXT WEEK

Next week the students from Years 3&5 will be completing the NAPLAN. During this week, the students will be completing four assessments, testing the students’ skill levels in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The students who are participating in these tests may feel a little bit anxious next week (a natural human reaction when faced with TESTS!). This anxiousness can be greatly alleviated by following these few simple steps:
1. Ensure that your child has plenty of sleep, and a good healthy breakfast.
2. Encourage your child to simply do their best!
3. When your child comes home don’t interrogate them about the test, but rather congratulate them on completing the test and trying their best.

P&C MEETING

Our next PC meeting will be held next TUESDAY (12th May) at 6pm in the staffroom. I hope that we get the same fantastic attendance that we had at the last P&C meeting, so we can continue our discussions on how we can make our great school even better.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who generously gave up their time today to run our Mother’s Day Stall. Once again - you have served our school community well!!

And to all the Mums, Grandmothers and Carers out there - I would like to wish you all a very Happy Mothers Day for this Sunday. I hope you truly feel appreciated for the wonderful things you do for us all - every day of the year!

Mark Greentree - Principal
Why do puzzles?
* Energise your brain
* Sharpen your mind
* Enjoy the results

Regular brain exercise can be as good for the mind as physical exercise is for the body.

Working through puzzles can help you to develop your logical thinking skills and mathematical strategies. Puzzles will expand the power of your mind and promote higher creativity by stimulating left brain function.

For children, puzzles can help them develop logical reasoning and faster problem solving skills. For adults, the exercises help your brain stay sharp - use it or lose it!

So put your thinking cap on and enjoy some puzzle moments with our brain teasers every week.

The answer to last week’s puzzle...
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This week’s puzzle

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School Information

Assembly Information

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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.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2016
(Year 4 Students 2015)

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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

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TODDLER STORY TIME

In the Library

Tuesday 2.15pm

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Classroom Chat with ..... 

5/6M

5/6M is happy to have the opportunity to tell everyone about some of the awesome things that have been happening in term 2!

On Tuesday, Stage 3 visited the beautiful and lush Minnamurra Rainforest; exploring the many different tracks and picturesque sights. While also learning about the composition of the rainforest itself and how each organism is dependent on another.

We also participated in Cross Country this Wednesday. The 3km course really tested our endurance. How tiring!

5/6M, along with the rest of Stage 3, has been fortunate enough to participate in an awesome art program on Tuesday mornings. With the rainforest as inspiration, students are experimenting with different techniques and materials to create unique and interesting pieces of art.

Library

The Prestons PS Library program is well and truly up and running! Students have been very busy borrowing more this year than ever before!

We currently have all K-2 students and a large amount of 3-6 students completing the Premiers Reading Challenge!

With so many people borrowing it is very easy to catch Prestons students reading!!!
Take a peek in Toddler Reading Group this week!

Toddler reading group has commenced for term 2! Off to a fabulous start, the toddlers have been making musical instruments and animal masks! Please join Miss Higgins and Miss K along with a wonderful bunch of toddlers and their parents this week! Toddler reading group is on Tuesday afternoons at 2:15. Toddler reading group is a great program which offers your child an opportunity to engage in ‘big school’ activities and to socialise with children of the same age. Check us out 😊

Stage 3 Excursion - Minnamurra Rainforest

On Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} May, students in Stage Three went on an excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest. They learnt about the layers of the rainforest, flora and fauna and the importance of protecting the rainforest. We were guided by the staff at Minnamurra around the lower layers of the rainforest before hiking up a steep hill to reach a waterfall. We were so lucky with all the rain we've had recently, the waterfall was full and flowing. Many of our students oohed and aahed as they saw it, many stating that they had never seen a waterfall before. We were all very happy to make it back down to the forest floor and back to school.