Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WHOOPING COUGH (Pertussis) - HEALTH NOTICE

Last week, our school received notice from the Department of Health, that a student from our school had been diagnosed with a case of Whooping cough. Due to the infectious nature of this condition and its potential hazard to young children, pregnant women and newborns it was important to notify our community. A note was sent home to all families at the end of last week. The following information is a summary of the note:

If you/ your child develop symptoms, please go to your local doctor as soon as possible taking this letter with you.

A person with whooping cough is infectious for the first 3 weeks of illness but is no longer infectious after 5 days of antibiotic treatment. The coughing can last between one and three months.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with whooping cough (Pertussis) should not attend school until they have completed a five day course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of cough.

The people most at risk of severe disease are:

- Infants < 12 months of age, regardless of vaccination status
- Children < 2 years who have received fewer than 3 doses of pertussis vaccine
- Pregnant women in the last month of their pregnancy (because they could infect their newborn).

Most children are immunised against pertussis as it is a standard childhood immunisation. However immunity to the disease is not guaranteed with vaccination in some people and does decrease with time. It is important to note that although your child may be immunised, they may still become infected. Please ensure that younger children at home have their whooping cough immunisations up to date.

EDUCATION WEEK

Next week, our school will be hosting a number of activities to celebrate “Education Week 2015“. A list of the activities can be found on the back page of this week’s newsletter. This is a great opportunity for families to come and see education in action! I hope that you can take this opportunity to come and visit the school during the week, and join us for what is sure to be an educational and enjoyable experience.

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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## Eid Mubarak

Happy Eid to all our families who have been celebrating the Eid festival in recent days. We hope you enjoyed the festivities!

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

**15th July to 8th September**

Prestons PS is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. It’s easy to earn valuable resources to help our school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers between **the 15th July and 8th September 2015**.

- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. (excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards)
- Place the stickers into the collection box in the office foyer or into the collection box at Carnes Hill Woolworths.

## NCCD Disability Data

Over the next fortnight, Prestons will be participating in the annual NCCD data collection. The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability provides information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The national data collection on students with disability reinforces the existing obligations that schools have towards students under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. It counts the number of students who are supported under these obligations based on the professional judgement of teachers and their understanding and knowledge of their students. Any information collected about our school is confidential and does not identify individual students, only numbers. For further information, please visit: [http://www.schooldisabilitydatapld.edu.au/](http://www.schooldisabilitydatapld.edu.au/)

## Book Club

Issue 5 Book Club orders are due back to the office by Friday 31st July.

## Group Photos

Group photos of School Leaders, House Captains, SRC, Year 6 and PALS Leaders are on display in the school notice board. Order forms are available from the office. All orders must be returned to school by **Monday 10th August, 2015**

## Bug Club

All stages have started using Bug Club, an online reading program that gives your child access to books allocated by their class teacher. Students will be able to access books, with accompanying comprehension questions, suitable for their reading level. Bug club can be accessed on a home computer or iPad via the web address [www.pearsonplaces.com.au](http://www.pearsonplaces.com.au), and using your child’s personal username and password supplied by their class teacher. If you are having difficulty opening books on this site at home, please check your computer settings, you will need to allow cookies for books to open once logged in.

## 2016

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Children who turn 5 by the 31st July 2016 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

## Week 2 Puzzle

Which number should replace the question mark in the circle below?

**Week 1 Answer: Try to understand**
Classroom Chat
with …..

KP

What a fantastic learning period KP had in term 2! The term was packed full of engaging activities and we even had a chance to use technology in our classroom.

KP loved seeing the animals at Symbio Wildlife Park past term. We even got a chance to feed the animals!

Part of our literacy program focused on recount writing - KP has enjoyed using technology in the classroom to enhance their learning in this area. Students in KP can write interesting sentences about what they did on the weekend.

In term 3 KP welcomed a new student to our class, Annabelle. She has settled into Prestons very well. KP is looking forward to practicing their dance routine for the school concert, and learning so much more in term 3! Go KP!

Take a Peek in 5/6J this Week!

Term 3 is off to a wonderful start with students in 5/6J ready to immerse themselves in all the new content we’re about to cover with positive attitudes and great enthusiasm!

This term, we are going to become experts on earthquakes with our Science unit ‘Earthquake Explorers’! It is a collaborative, inquiry-based unit that will teach us all about the causes and effects of earthquakes, how earthquakes are measured and how changes in the Earth’s surface cause earthquakes. Exciting stuff!

We will also be learning all about ‘Global Communities’ for our HSIE unit. Our country study is based on Mexico and we can’t wait to find out more about this amazing country! We learned all about Mexico’s holiday ‘Dia de los Muertos’, otherwise known as the Day of the Dead. We created our own sugar skulls to decorate our classroom with. Check them out!

5/6J are excited for the whole school performance at the end of the term. We have been rehearsing all year and we can’t wait for you all to see it!

We are also looking forward to welcoming all of our family and friends into our classrooms next Thursday during Education Week!

Keep up the great work 5/6J! I’m extremely proud of you all!

Miss Janabi ☺️
The Toddler reading group is on each Tuesday at 2.15 pm in the Library.

2016 Enrolments

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