A picture says a thousand words……..

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WHOOPING COUGH (Pertussis) - HEALTH NOTICE - REPEAT

Two weeks ago, I published in our newsletter that our school had 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 1 -3 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).

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.

Mark Greentree – Principal

P&C NEWS

The P&C of Prestons PS would like to thank parents who came to the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. We discussed a number of important issues such as: classroom sizes, staffing changes, information for next year and the CAPA showcase that is on in week 10. We spoke about the funds raised from the Athletics carnival and about upcoming fundraisers. The next P&C event will be the Father’s Day stall which will be on Thurs 3rd Sept from 9:15am. If there are any parents who are willing to donate some of their time to help out on the day please contact the school.

The P&C committee
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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Woolworths Earn & Learn

15th July to 8th September

• Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. (excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards)

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.

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.

If your child has been lent clothing from the office, please ensure all items are washed and returned asap so they can be used to assist another student.

Sporting Schools Program

Sporting School Program has commenced this week as follows: K to 2 - Tuesdays, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

3 to 6 - Thursdays, 3.00 pm – 4.00pm

Your child has been informed if they have secured a position this term. If your child was not selected they will not be able to participate.

Swim Scheme 2015

The students at Prestons Public School participated in the swimming lessons at the Whitlam Leisure Centre. Students improved their swimming skills and knowledge, as well as learning much more! Each day there were lots of smiles and laughter during lessons, along with many tired faces at the end. Many students were sad that it came to an end, but are looking forward to being involved next year.

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Classroom Chat
with ..... 

5/6M

5/6M is ecstatic to have the opportunity to allow everyone a glimpse into what we’ve been focusing on in term 3.

In class, we have been using lots of tablet technology to research multitudes of interesting facts about our chosen countries. We have been starting to compile this information into detailed information reports.

We’ve also been learning about the destructive force of Earthquakes. We have started to research the theory behind their cause, how they’re measured and where they are more likely to occur.

As a class we will be looking at ways engineers and architects design their buildings to withstand any ground movement. We will then be testing the effectiveness of these techniques with some experiments.

Library

This term Stage 3 have been using our new iPads to engage in some really interesting S.O.L.E (Self Organised Learning Environment) units.

We’ve been investigating questions like ‘Do fish feel pain?’, ‘Was the colour orange named after the fruit or vice versa?’ and ‘How do my eyes know to cry when I’m sad?’ and discovering some very interesting answers.
Just a reminder that the Premiers Reading Challenge closes for students on Friday 21st August 2015 at 11:59pm. Any students in Years 3 - 6 who wish to complete their challenge must have their books entered on the Premiers Reading Challenge website before this time. If you are filling out the orange Premiers Reading Challenge Reading Log and you want Mrs Hawkins to type your books into the website, your reading log needs to be to her no later than Wednesday 19th August. All K - 2 students participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge as a part of their regular Library lessons and have had their books entered for them online. Happy reading!!

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

Toddler Reading Group

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

Available Term 3 - Week 4