Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN REPORTS FOR YEARS 3 & 5
The NAPLAN reports for students in Year 3 & 5 will be going home today. Please check your child’s bag to ensure that you receive their report. If you would like to discuss the contents of the report with your child’s classroom teacher or gain further clarification about the data contained in the report, please feel free to contact the office to arrange an interview. Remember: NAPLAN data is not a COMPLETE representation of student performance. The data in the report is gained from the students’ performance in a test situation on a particular day. For a complete assessment of student performance, please speak with your child’s class teacher, who has access to a variety of data sources that have been compiled throughout the year.

FLU SEASON - HAS HIT HARD!!
As you are probably aware the flu season has been quite tough this year with a number of staff and students suffering from the effects. Thank you for your patience over the last couple of weeks, as we have worked to limit the impact on classes due to a number of staff illnesses. To assist the whole school community if you notice that your child is exhibiting the signs of flu (eg. Coughing, sneezing, aches and pains etc) please ensure that he or she is kept away from school for a few days until the symptoms pass. Sending sick students to school only ensures the continued spread of the virus and impacts on whole school programs.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS KOUTSOMIHALIS
On behalf of the school community, I would like to send out our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Koutsomihalis and her husband on the birth of their baby boy - Keith, who was born last Friday afternoon. Both mother and baby are healthy and happy!!
We look forward to seeing baby Keith when Mrs Koutsomihalis comes back to visit!

Mark Greentree – Principal

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

26/8/2015
Zone Athletics

03/9/2015
Father’s Day stall

03/9/2015
Maths Cup - selected students

10/9/2015
LAaff (Liverpool Arts & Film Festival)

16/9/2015
Whole School Performance

18/9/2015
Last Day of Term

PSSA Winter Sport
Friday 21st August

Netball - Woodward Park, Liverpool

Boys Soccer - Phillip Park, Lurnea

Girls Soccer - Ash Road, Prestons

Rugby League - Childs Park, Chipping Norton

Please ensure your child has their hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks for the afternoon.

Students depart school at 12 noon with games scheduled to commence at approximately 12.30pm
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Children who turn 5 by or on the 31st July 2016 are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment forms can be collected from the administration office.

Liverpool Arts & Film Festival (LAaFF)
All students involved with LAaFF have been issued with updated notes due to date changes. The correct date for this festival is Thursday 10th September.

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.

Update of Information
At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.

If you have moved or changed your contact numbers please notify the office by phoning or by sending in a note with the updated details.

Important Information
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is closing on the 21st August. Children’s reading records need to be updated by then so that we can validate the records which will enable students to receive certificates at the end of the year. Students will be unable to update their reading records after this date. If you want Mrs Hawkins to update your reading records using your orange reading log, this must be to her by Thursday 20th August.

Thanks!
Mrs Hawkins

Kindergarten 2016
Gearing up for Kindergarten 2016

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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Zone Athletics
Just a reminder that notes and money for Zone Athletics Carnival are due in no later than Friday 21st August.

Graduation Signature Bears
Orders for Year 6 Graduation Bears or Balls are due in by 11th September. No late orders will be accepted.

Administration
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.

Newsletter
The school newsletter, excursion notes and other information can be viewed on the school website: www.prestons-schools.nsw.edu.au

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

Book Club
Issue 6 Book Club brochures have been issued to students.
Orders are due back by Wednesday 2nd September.

Parent English Classes
Classes will be held on Friday mornings 9am - 10.30am

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Mrs Hawkins
Classroom Chat with ..... 

34V

34V have been working hard during CAPA practice with 34S. We are becoming quite excited about performing our routine at the ‘Prestons Circus’.

In maths, 34V have been improving our understanding of multiplication and division during TOWN groups.

In Science, we have been learning about the natural environment in our unit - ‘Beneath Our Feet’. Each week, we work in collaborative groups and enter our findings in our Science Journals.

Christina and Krystian C were the class finalists’ at the School Spelling Bee. 3/4V enjoyed watching the Spelling Bee and congratulates all the finalists on their efforts.

2S

It is week 6 already, time has flown by! The students in 2S have been learning about imaginative writing. They are working towards editing their writing to meet out learning goals. During Guided Reading the students are using iPads to read books from Bug Club.

2S students are learning about water in science. They have been doing experiments to investigate and explore the source and uses of water.

This term in HSIE, our topic is Identifying Us and the students are learning about different groups they belong to while understanding their environment and culture.

In PDHPE the students in 2S are learning about growth and development. They enjoyed making fingerprints using paint while learning that everyone has unique fingerprints.
TELL THEM FROM ME
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Please use these details to log in:

1. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Your School’s Parent Username = parent18528
3. Your School’s Parent Password = Pre2901

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)
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