Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

WELCOME EVERYONE!

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome everyone back for the 2016 school year. I would especially like to welcome all our new students and their families to the Prestons Public School community. I’m sure that you are already aware of what a wonderful school this is, and I’m certain that you will enjoy your experiences here as your child/children share their educational journey with us. I would also like to welcome our new member of staff - Mrs Mahasen Lloyd. Mrs Lloyd is one of our Assistant Principals (Stage 3) and will be teaching one of our Year 5/6 classes this year. We also welcome back a familiar face, Miss Hansen (returning from working in China), who will be working with a variety of classes throughout the year. The staff are looking forward to working with all the students and parents, and ensuring that 2016 is another successful year at Prestons Public School.

CLASS REORGANISATION - WEEK 3

A problem that we face every year, is the expected movement of families during the Christmas holiday period. Some families move out of the area and some move in, which can often alter the student numbers in various grades across the school. This year has been no different, with a significant number of NEW enrolments coming into particular grades, and a number of enrolments leaving from others. This has caused an imbalance in the class sizes, with some class numbers reaching their maximum, whilst others are much lower. Therefore, it has become necessary for us to reorganise SOME classes to maximise the learning potential of EVERY child. The changes will only affect SOME students, as we need to balance out our stages and accommodate our growing numbers. Families of students who will be affected by the changes will be contacted during the week. It is hoped that this process will commence on Monday and be concluded before the end of the week, however this may be affected by additional enrolments that are expected during the week.

BOMB THREAT HOAX

As you are probably aware from extensive media coverage, there have been a number of HOAX bomb threats issued to schools WORLDWIDE. Security experts from around the globe are working with law enforcement agencies to locate the perpetrators and eliminate the threat. The experts are in agreement that the threats are a hoax, and merely issued to cause disruption to the lives of many students and their families. Our school has a variety of processes/protocols in place to deal with Hoaxes such as these, as well as legitimate emergency situations. All staff at Prestons Public School are trained in these procedures and take a VERY serious approach towards protecting the safety and well being of each and every student. Rest assured that if any situation arises, we will ALWAYS act in the best interest of the students - to ensure that they are safe, happy and in the best environment to maximise their potential.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

16/2/2016
Combined Swimming Carnival Yr 3 - 6

16/2/2016
Year 1 excursion to "The Vintage Village"

18/2/2016
Year 2 excursion to "The Vintage Village"

19/2/2016
Summer PSSA begins

19/2/2016
Parent English Class commences 9-10.30am

19/2/2016
Book Club orders due

Sport Highlights

PSSA Trials (Yrs 3-6) for the summer season will be held over the next few weeks.

Competition begins 19th February 2016.

Students who are selected, will be required to pay the PSSA fee prior to the commencement of the competition.
School Information

Assembly Information

Assemblies will be commencing Week 4

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

3-6 – Every Thursday commencing at 2.15pm

An Assembly Timetable will be included in the next newsletter.

Kinder News

Kindergarten students will continue to finish school at 2:45pm. The early pick up time will end on Friday 12th February (week 3). Students will finish at 3pm from Monday 15th February.

Kindergarten students are to play on the asphalt in the morning. The PALS playground is out of bounds before 9am, when the school bell rings. Parents can then walk their child to their class line.

Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club brochures have been issued to students.

Orders and payment are to be forwarded to the office. Please ensure that your child’s name & class are provided on the order form.

Orders for this issue close Friday 19th February 2016.

P&C Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop will be open Friday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15am. The shop is located behind the hall.

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.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter, the “Prestons Post”, is distributed weekly each Thursday to the eldest student from each family.

Weekly newsletters can also be viewed online on the school website: www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or on our Skoolbag App. (Information regarding how to download this can be found on the back page)

Stage 1 “The Vintage Village” Excursion

Students in Stage 1 will be attending an excursion to “The Vintage Village” at Fairfield.

Year 1 students will be attending on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

Year 2 students will be attending on Thursday 18th February 2016.

Permission notes and payment are to be returned to the office by Thursday 11th February 2016.

2016 Swimming Carnival

This year our swimming carnival will be held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th February between 9.30am and 1pm. The carnival will be combined with Casula PS and Liverpool West PS.

Notes have been sent home for students in years 3 to 6 and students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year.

It is crucial that all students who will be attending the carnival can confidently swim a minimum of 50 metres unaided.

Permission notes and payment of $6 are due back to the office by Thursday 11th February.

Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.
Parent English Classes

If you would like to develop your conversational English skills then our parent English classes are for you!

Commencing Friday 19th February 2016
Classes will be held on Friday mornings 9am - 10.30am

English Classes

The purpose of these classes is to assist parents to develop their English skills so that they can confidently communicate in everyday situations such as school, home or the shopping centre.

Class content will be designed based on the needs and interests of parents attending.

LIVERPOOL EAGLES JUNIOR AFL CLUB & AUSKICK

2 Auskick Centres $110 for season (inc. uniform)
Season starts 01 May 2016 8.30 - 10.00am (AFL skills up to 12ya)

Rosedale Oval, Stroud St, Warwick Farm

AFL Junior Club $125 for season (inc. uniform)
Training starts Monday 15 February 2016 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Season starts 03 April 2016 (catering for U9—U13 age groups)

Rosedale Oval, Stroud St, Warwick Farm

REGISTRATION DAYS

McDonald's Liverpool Shops Sat 26/03/2016 12-2pm
McDonald's Moorebank Sun 30/03/2016 12-2pm

Rosedale Oval with BBQ Sun 03/04/2016 12-2pm

McDonald's Moorebank Sun 10/04/2016 12-2pm

NSW Education

Saturday School of Community Languages

Studying a background community language:

- provides an opportunity to develop high levels of skills in a student’s background community language
- improves performance across the curriculum through enhanced literacy skills which are transferable to English
- helps maintain rewarding relationships with parents, grandparents, relatives and other community members
- promotes a sense of cultural identity resulting in heightened self-confidence and self-esteem
- places students in a better position to take advantage of employment opportunities

Developing students’ knowledge and skills in their background language

www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au

Contact your local centre on 9822 5423
**Prestons Public School Award System**

Do you know how to achieve your final goal. Follow the steps below.

Did you know your certificates carry over from year to year? So if you have 1 or 2 awards from last year, add them to this year’s awards to advance to the next level.

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Prestons Public School is using the Skoolbag App to keep parents informed.

Follow the instructions below to download for iPhone & iPad users.

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

More information and download instructions for other devices can be found at: www.skoolbag.com.au/

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**Thursday 4th February, 2016**

**Term 1 – Week 2**