Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

**P&C MEETING**

The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held NEXT Tuesday 16th February (Week 4) at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Prestons school community and hear about all the great projects that will be happening at Prestons PS in 2016. I look forward to seeing lots of parents there!

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The school swimming Carnival will also be held NEXT Tuesday 16th February (Week 4). If your child is a capable swimmer and you would like them to participate, please complete the permission note and return it school. *(Please note – this event is only open to students who are 8 years old or older).* The swimming carnival will be held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre. Further details can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

**MORNING SUPERVISION**

At this early stage in the year, it is probably a great time to remind the community of our Morning Supervision policy. It is becoming a safety concern that students are arriving early to school and are left unsupervised in the playground during the morning. Supervision of students in the playground commences at 8:30am under the COLA – Covered Outdoor Learning Area in the main playground. Prior to this time, teachers are unable to provide direct supervision, as they are required to complete a variety of other tasks before the morning bell. Please assist us in protecting the safety of our students by ensuring that they arrive at school between 8:30 – 9:00am. If you require supervision before this time, please contact the CubbyHouse Childcare (our Before and After School care provider) on 1300 282 292 to arrange Before and After School Care, or make further alternative arrangements.

**MEET THE TEACHER**

Our ‘Meet the Teacher’ event will be occurring on Friday 4th March (Week 6) - stay tuned for more details soon!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

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**2016 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **12/2/2016**
  - Parent English Class commences 9-10.30am

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

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

- **16/2/2016**
  - P&C Meeting 6.30pm

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

- **19/2/2016**
  - Summer PSSA begins

- **19/2/2016**
  - Book Club orders due

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**Sport Highlights**

Selected students have been issued permission notes. The permission note & $50 payment needs to be returned to the office by 18th February 2016.

Competition begins 19th February 2016.
2016 Swimming Carnival
Whitlam Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th February between 9.30am and 1pm. (Students in years 3 to 6 and students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and are confident swimmers.)

Students attending the carnival must arrive at school by 8.45am for a prompt 9am departure.

UNIFORM: Students must wear full School/Sports uniform including a hat and enclosed shoes. Students should wear/bring sunscreen.

WHAT TO BRING:
1) Students should wear their swimmers under their uniform and bring a change of underwear to change into.
2) Towel
3) Plastic bag for wet swimmers and towel.

FOOD: All students must bring a packed recess, lunch and drinks for the day. Canteen facilities may be available on the day.

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.

Students need to arrive at school by 8.30am for an 8.50am departure.

Students MUST bring a packed recess, lunch and drinks for the day.

Kinder News
The early pick up time for Kindergarten students will end this Friday 12th February (week 3). Students will finish at 3pm from Monday 15th February.

Book Club
Issue 1 Book Club brochures have been issued to students. Orders and payment are to be forwarded to the office. Orders for this issue close Friday 19th February 2016.

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.

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.

restons 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/
2016 Student Requirements

The following list has been put together to outline the requirements for students in each stage. In order to assist your child it would be much appreciated if he/she could come to school with the following equipment daily. If you would like to discuss any of the items listed below, please speak with the stage supervisors.

Stage 1 Requirements (Years 1 & 2)

Stage Supervisor - Mrs Elissa Beavis

1 labelled pencil case (not extra large)
2 lead pencils
1 eraser
1 glue stick
1 set coloured pencils
1 paint shirt

Homework Book:
1 \( \times \) 96 lined page book (A4 size preferable)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Pencil crayons
Headphones (for use with ipads and computers)

Stage 2 Requirements (Years 3 & 4)

Stage Supervisor - Mrs Haley Storkey

1 labelled pencil case (not extra large)
2 lead pencils
1 ruler (not metal or flexi plastic)
1 eraser, sharpener
1 glue stick
1 set coloured pencils

Homework Book:
1 \( \times \) 96 lined page book (A4 size preferable)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Textas or pencil crayons

Stage 3 Requirements (Years 5 & 6)

Stage Supervisor - Mrs Mo Lloyd

1 labelled pencil case (not extra large)
2 Black, Blue and Red Biros
2 lead pencils
1 ruler (not metal or flexi plastic)
1 eraser, sharpener and glue stick
1 set coloured pencils

Homework Book:
2 \( \times \) 96 page book (A4 size preferable)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Textas or pencil crayons

Special request

It would be appreciated if each child brings in:

* 2 boxes of tissues
* 1 liquid hand soap
* 1 roll paper hand towels

These items will be stored in the classroom for use throughout the year by the students in the class.
Dropping off and picking up students at school the safe way

Children are vulnerable around and on the road. Their physical size and developmental limitations place them at risk in the traffic environment. Drivers are less likely to be able to see a small child and it is harder for children to see oncoming traffic. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for a child to judge dangerous situations. Children’s safety to and from school is an important road safety issue.

‘No Parking’ zones allow drivers to stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicle at all times. ‘No Parking’ zones provide a pick-up and set down area that gives parents and carers a safe environment to drop-off and pick-up their children from school by car.

Many school road environments in the Liverpool Local Government Area have ‘No Parking’ zones which work well when parents use them properly. Problems arise however, when drivers misuse the zones by stopping and waiting in their vehicles for lengthy periods. The penalty for disobeying a ‘No Parking’ sign is $177 and 2 demerit points (effective 1 July 2015).

Parents must ensure their children know how they will be collected from school. They need to know when and where parents will be after school and where they should wait. Children must know not to try and get into a vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if it is stopped.

Tips For Parents:

- Make sure that the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary in the ‘No Parking’ zone.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Never double park, park across a pedestrian crossing or park in a ‘No Stopping’ or ‘Bus Zone’.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to a school.
- Never call to your child across the road.
- Children up to 10 years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.