Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

STUDENT HEALTH

Over the last few weeks, there have been a number of students, and teachers, who have been ill with a vomiting virus. Unfortunately, these things happen from time to time, however we can always work together to limit the impact across the school environment. If you child displays signs of ill health, please refrain from sending them to school until they have seen a GP or until they are fully recovered. Sending students to school who are feeling sick, or displaying signs of ill health, only ensures that the virus spreads to others in our community.

NO PLACE FOR BULLYING AT PRESTONS PS!!

Bullying has received a lot of media coverage in recent years. Whilst Bullying (in society as a whole) does exist, it appears from my general day to day discussions with students and parents, that the general UNDERSTANDING of Bullying is ACTUALLY a little confused!

Bullying is: repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. (Note: This definition is taken directly from the Department of Education website, as is an agreed and legal definition of bullying)

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying.

Bullying behaviour is not: children not getting along well; a situation of mutual conflict; single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

Whilst these situations and types of behaviour are NOT acceptable at Prestons Public School, they are not evidence of Bullying and therefore are not treated as such.

This week, staff spoke with all students in their classroom about WHAT Bullying is and how to deal with bullying if it occurs. (eg. Tell the teacher so that we can stop it immediately!) But we also taught the children how to be a little more resilient when dealing with everyday playground and classroom issues, such as the ones listed above, which invariably occur in schools from time to time.

I invite you to also have a chat with your child about what Bullying is and isn’t, so that we all have an accurate understanding of the concept/behaviour, and continue to grow as a positive school community.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – REMINDER

Next Friday, we will be hosting our Annual ‘Meet The Teacher’ BBQ. This has been a wonderfully supported event since 2012 and I look forward to bigger and better things this year. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (Which was published in last week’s newsletter). If you would like to attend, please fill in the RSVP that is published on the back page of today’s newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all here!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday 26TH February

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool.
Cricket - South Park, Chipping Norton.

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

Students depart school at 9.30am and will return to school by 12.30pm
School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

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Year 3 & 4 Art Program

Students in Years 3 & 4 will be participating in a Creative Arts program each Tuesday this term.

It is requested that all students bring an old shirt to school which can be worn as an art smock to protect their school uniform.

Donations of egg cartons have been requested. These donations can be taken to the students classrooms.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?
This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

How Much?
The voluntary contribution for 2016 is: $30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

| KA  | - Aanav & Bashar |
| KH  | - Adam & Lana   |
| KP  | - Nora & Shonima|
| KS  | - Maya & Tayla  |
| 1C  | - Kate & Erin   |
| 1M  | - Isaac & Laila |
| 1R  | - Zehad & Shaili|
| 1/2BR | - Karam & Piriawis|
| 2B  | - Sairish & Tommy|
| 2W  | - Andrew & Glory|
| 2/3C | - Khadeeja       |
| 3/4B | - Arena & Steven|
| 3/4K | -                 |
| 3/4M | - Griffen & Dana|
| 3/4S | - D’Khoda & Mario|
| 3/4T | - Ekroop & Karlo |

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.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Prestons Public School ‘Meet the Teacher’ Community BBQ, on Friday 4th March (5pm – 7:00pm)

This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Come on up and grab a sausage on a roll and a cold drink, and share in some fun and games with the staff & students of Prestons Public School.

This is a family event. All students attending MUST be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you wish to attend (and for catering purposes), please complete the order form at the back of this newsletter and return it to school before Friday 26th February.

I look forward to seeing you there!!!
Welcome to 5/6L. It's been a great start to the year so far with all students coming to school with a great attitude to learn. Our first few weeks together were about learning to respect each other and working as a team. To help us, we follow our two class rules 'Do your job' and 'Honest'. We believe that to have a great year we need to work as a team that supports and helps each other.

We have started our English concept of 'Storytelling' which includes reading multimodal text. A text that we really enjoyed was 'Sunday Chutney' by Aaron Blabley. The text has a theme of accepting each other's differences and being comfortable with being different. We all agreed this is a great message for all students at Prestons Public School to learn.

Last week we started maths groups, where we each go to a different teacher for an hour a day and participate in maths lessons. All our maths lessons have been challenging and fun.

The most enjoyable moments of the year so far have been learning all the new games Mrs Lloyd has been teaching us. She has already taught us Slime, ABC, Star Wars, Golden Child, Monsters Treasure and 21. The best part is that we have been able to teach other teachers and classes some of these games. If you want to play one of these games come find us.

Mrs Lloyd always talks to us about setting high expectations and this year we are all setting ourselves and our class high and challenging expectations.
Meet the Teacher' Community BBQ,

Please return to school NO LATER than tomorrow, Friday 26th February (Week 5)

Family Name: .................................................. Class/Classes: ...........
Number of People attending: .........................
Please circle your sausage preference:  Chicken  or  Beef (Halal)
Note: Sausage on a Roll and a drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional Sausages on rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for $2 each.

For more information call the office on 9602 7435.

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more and register visit
www.go4fun.com.au

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.

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