A picture says a thousand words......

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Stage 3 - CYBERSAFETY WORKSHOP
On Monday, the Stage 3 students will participate in a special Cybersafety workshop with Cartoonist – Joffa! The students will learn a lot about Cybersafety and how to maintain a safe online presence, whilst also developing their skills in cartooning. Other topics that will be discussed include: the concepts of resilience and tolerance, particularly when facing and dealing with issues relating to online bullying. Once again, this program is fully funded by the school, and I’m sure the students will have a wonderful learning experience.

PARENT READING TUTOR – Are you interested??
At Prestons PS we are very proud of the educational programs that we offer our students. Some of these programs however, could not be run, without the fantastic support from YOU – our parent community.
It is this support that I now call upon, as we look for parent helpers to assist with our Parent Reading Tutor Program.
The time commitment is minimal, but the rewards associated with helping a child learn to read – a skill that they will use everyday for the rest of their life – is immeasurable! A training session will be provided for all parents wishing to participate, during Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. Ongoing support for parents involved in this program will be provided by Miss Kinnavong.
If you would like to participate in this valuable program, please contact the school.

ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Next Wednesday 6th April (weather permitting), Prestons Public School will be holding its Annual Whole School Cross Country Carnival. More details can be found on the back page of today’s newsletter. I hope you can join us – to cheer the students on!

Mark Greentree - Principal

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

1/3/2016
Parent English Class
9-10.30am

6/4/2016
School Cross Country

8/4/2016
Last day of Term 1

25/4/2016
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

26/4/2016
Staff return Term 2

27/4/2016
Students return Term 2

27/4/2016
ANZAC Ceremony 10.45am

10/5/2016
NAPLAN - Language & Writing

11/5/2016
NAPLAN - Reading

12/5/2016
NAPLAN - Numeracy

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday 1st April

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool.

Cricket - Peter Miller Reserve, Prestons.

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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2016 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Prestons PS will be participating in the 2016 ICAS competitions.

Notes have been sent home to students in years 3 to 6.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission note and payment to the office no later than Thursday 28th April 2016 (Term 2, Week 1)

Science – 31st May - $8.80
Writing – 13th – 17th June - $18.70
Spelling – 15th June $12.10
English – 2nd August $8.80
Mathematics – 16th August $8.80

No late payments will be accepted

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.

**PSSA Summer Sport**

Friday, 1st April, will be the last day for PSSA Summer Sport. This competition will continue in Term 4.

Winter PSSA will be held during Terms 2 and 3, further information regarding sports and team selection will be provided next term.

ANZAC Ceremony

On Wednesday 27th April, (first day term 2), we will be holding an ANZAC ceremony at 10.45am for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Children are asked to bring flowers for the ceremony.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2016

Students have been issued with a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. **You could win a $4000 FAMILY HOLIDAY by donating $2 and completing the entry details on the back of the envelope.**

Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation which provides refuge for children who may need a break from their regular schooling or family circumstances.

Each year Stewart House looks after 1,800 public school children across NSW and the ACT. These children take part in a 12 day residential program at the organisation’s headquarters on Sydney’s northern beaches.

Stewart House relies on donations so this service can continue. Your donation towards this will help and will put you in the draw to possibly win a $4000 family holiday.

Please return the envelope, with your details completed and your $2 donation enclosed to the office by Friday 6th May 2016.

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

The app is FREE to download.

More information and download instructions for devices can be found at:

Wow, what a busy term we have had! 1C have been busy developing their ICT skills in the computer lab, by logging onto the computers and navigating their way to Bug Club.

For our History unit, 1C went on an excursion to The Vintage Village in Fairfield, where we had lots of fun participating in olden days activities and even got to dress up!

We have been working very hard in TENs to learn about the different strategies we can use for subtraction and have used many resources to help enhance our understanding.

We have also been working extremely hard in Guided Reading, learning about different reading strategies and building on our fluency and comprehension skills.

1C have been learning about the different dynamics of dance and have been dancing up a storm in the hall and have also been training for the upcoming Cross Country.

We are very exhausted from all the quality work we have been producing, but still having lots of fun!

Come and See What’s happening in 2/3C!

What a busy term it has been to start the year. 2/3C have settled in nicely and are working very hard in all areas of our learning. We really enjoy writing and creating awesome ‘sizzling starts’ using onomatopoeia and great descriptive language to make people want to keep reading.

We love Tuesday’s because that means it is time for art with Ms. Ulrich! She has been teaching us about Picasso and we have created some fabulous portraits using paint, crayon, wire, paper and clay.

This week we had the Easter Hat Parade. Our ‘bunnies’ enjoyed the day and a few of us even won prizes in the Easter raffle. Yesterday 3C went to Sydney on an excursion to Sydney Wildlife World and Sydney Aquarium as part of our science topic. We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the different types of animals. We even got to touch a snake!
2016 Cross Country

On Wednesday 6th April 2016 (Week 11), Prestons Public School will be holding its annual cross country carnival. The carnival will commence at 11.40am and will be held on the school grounds. As this is part of the school curriculum (PD/H/PE), all students are required to participate.

Students must wear a broad brimmed school hat and comfortable running shoes as well as sunscreen. Students are also encouraged to wear their house colours to the carnival as this promotes team spirit and house pride. All students have been allocated a house according to the first letter of their surname as indicated below:

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If your child has any other medical conditions that would impact on them taking part in the cross country please let their class teacher know or please notify the office on 96027435.