PRESTONS POST

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

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – TOMORROW
Tomorrow night is our ‘Meet The Teacher BBQ’. Thank you to all the families that have returned the RSVP. (I have ordered extra sausages etc – so if you still would like to attend – you are more than welcome!!) Look forward to seeing you all here!!

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY
This Friday, students and teachers at Prestons Public School will participate in the annual Clean up School Day, as part of the National Clean-Up Australia campaign. Students and teachers will be assigned areas around the school, where they use gloves and bags to collect litter and weeds from the school grounds. This event provides opportunities for the students to take action to clean up the school, while raising awareness about our individual responsibility for conserving our prized Australian environment. Why not discuss this with your child at home - and get them to help you keep your patch of Australia beautiful!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT PRESTONS PUBLIC SCHOOL
Last Wednesday, our Year 6 students participated in a Peer Support Leadership training program. Some students travelled to the the Woolemaei EEC, whilst others remained at school and participated in a similar variety of leadership initiative actives and leadership discussions. We place a strong focus on developing the leadership skills of our Year 6 students, as a first step in promoting independence and initiative – skills that will be invaluable in the High School learning environment. Our Year 6 students will be using these newly acquired leadership skills, to lead the rest of our students in our Peer Support Program, which will commence THIS Friday and run for the remainder of Term 1. During the programs, students across K-6 will develop their skills and understanding of concepts such as teamwork, resilience, respect, responsibility and positivity. I look forward to seeing our Year 6 leaders in action – and watch the positive effect it has on their self-esteem and approach to learning.

Mark Greentree - Principal

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

4/3/2016 Parent English Class
4/3/2016 Clean up Schools Day
4/3/2016 Meet the Teacher BBQ 5pm - 7pm
10/3/2016 Selective HS Test
15/3/2016 P&C Meeting 6.30pm
22/3/2016 Issue 2 Book Club due
25/3/2016 Good Friday Public Holiday
28/3/2016 Easter Monday Public Holiday

PSSA Summer Sport
Friday 4th March

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool.
Cricket - Amalfi Park, Lurnea

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
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.

Book Club
Issue 2 Book Club brochures have been issued to students. Orders and payment are to be forwarded to the office.

Orders for this issue close Tuesday 22nd March 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.

Reading With Your Child At Home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list, it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

1R

I have enjoyed getting to know 1R over the last two weeks. They have settled well into their new class and routines. We are looking forward to a year of many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow together.

This week, in Literacy, we have been reading the book 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox. Students loved the idea of being invisible, like Hush in the story. They wrote about what they would get up to if they were invisible.

If I became invisible I would play hide and seek and I would be the champion.
Mariana

If I became invisible I would scare people inside their house.
Joseph

If I became invisible I would sneak out my door and go to the ice cream shop. I would eat all of the ice cream without anyone seeing me.
Aaliyah

If I became invisible I would take the dinosaur bones and make my own museum.
Zehad

1R visit the library every Wednesday. We are lucky to share this time with 1/2BR. We are learning the differences between fiction and non fiction books, and where these books can be found in the library. Our favourite part is sharing an awesome story. Remember to bring your library bag every Wednesday (Mrs Hawkins will be happy).
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/

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
or contact 1800 780 900 or Claire Southwood-Jones Tel: (02) 97802811.

Based in Liverpool, our free support service enriches the lives of young people and provides them with physical, social and emotional support. Our drop in centre is packed with recreation, learning and development activities.

Currently open Monday and Wednesdays between 3:30pm and 8:30pm, our friendly qualified staffs are there to welcome young people who simply feel like dropping in or who want to access a diverse range of free activities including:

- Computer & Internet access
- Study and homework area
- Three basketball courts
- Pool table, free-to-play table tennis
- Wii and Xbox
- Board games
- Mobile phone charging station
- Café and food
- Arts and craft area
- Chill out and reading areas
- Prizes and competition
- Free tutoring & legal advice
- Sports and recreation
- Culture activities
- Participation and leadership
- Safety, health and well-being
- Employers and education
- Information and referral services

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