Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ – A GREAT EVENT!!

A HUGE thank you to all the families that attended our ‘Meet The Teacher BBQ” last Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families present, and it was great to chat with so many families in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This was the first of many school community events that are scheduled for 2016, and I look forward to even bigger and better participation at our future events.

ROAD SAFETY: WHAT MESSAGE ARE WE Sending OUR KIDS?

Whilst last Friday was a day of celebration for the Prestons PS community, it was also an afternoon where we hit ‘rock bottom’ in regards to Road Safety. An embarrassing and unfortunate incident of ROAD RAGE occurred outside the school on Box Road, shining a very ugly spotlight on the way in which parents have neglected basic road rules (and in some cases - common sense), and placed themselves, and MOST IMPORTANTLY our students, at risk. There is NEVER an excuse for abusive language or behaviour. Respect and responsibility are values that we teach our students, and when this is mixed with simple communication, we can ALWAYS avoid conflict. The persistent disregard of road rules and pedestrian safety, has unfortunately led us down this path, but it is time we said (as a community) “Enough is Enough!” Surely common sense must prevail sooner or later, so that we can look past the ‘rush’ that we are in to get out of the school, and focus on the more important things in life - like the safety of our kids! When we as parents disregard the road rules and simple basic safety concepts, we are teaching our kids some VERY DANGEROUS lessons. Unfortunately, these lessons can come at a tragic cost!

Once again, the Police and council have been notified, and as a result, some parents were the unfortunate recipients of fines and infringement notices last Tuesday. The Police and council rangers will be a regular presence over the next few weeks to ensure that road rules and, more importantly, students safety is protected.

Mark Greentree - Principal

A picture says a thousand words......
School Information

Assembly Information

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

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P&C Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sent home tomorrow.
Lots of Easter egg baskets to be won

Tickets $1 each or One book for $10.00

Please return your tickets and money to the office prior to the Easter hat parade on Thursday 24th March 2016.

Year 6 Students Moving Into Year 7 in 2017

Notes have been distributed to Year 6 students advising parents of information sessions being held at school regarding high school enrolment processes and completion of related forms.

These notes need to be returned by Friday 11th March.

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.

Year 3 & 4 Excursion

Students in Years 3 & 4 will be attending an excursion to Sydney Aquarium & Wild Life World at Darling Harbour on Wednesday 30th March, 2016.

Students will need to arrive at school by 8.45am for a 9am departure and will be travelling to the venue by seat belted coach.

Permission notes and payment of $35 are to be returned to the office by Thursday 24th March.

Parent English Classes

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

Classes are held Friday mornings 9am - 10.30am

Student of the Week Award Recipients

KA - Almarvobry & Hari
KH - Abbey & Keziah
KP - Jasmine & Abdullah
KS - Noah & Jamileh
1C - Susanah & Deon
1M - Mario & Coby
1R - Adira & Teagan
1/2BR - Ayoub & Younus
2B - Ben & Zach
2W - Isabel & Vasilis
2/3C - Khadeeja & Zara
3/4K - Miami & Sakina
3/4M - Tina & Daniel
3/4S - Chelsea & Shontaye
3/4T - Aden & Katarina
5/6J - Nicole & Shaye
5/6L - Krystal & Angelina
5/6M - Hannah & Tila
5/6R - Tanisha & Craig
5/6V - Olivia & Guven

Help Us Reach Our Goal!!!
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Classroom Chat with .....  

**KP**

What an awesome time KP has had settling into Kindergarten at Prestons!

Our phonics program is focused on a variety of letters in the alphabet – KP has enjoyed bringing in an item from home to put on our ‘letter of the week’ table. We all get very excited when we can find the letter of the week during literacy groups too!

In term 1 Kindergarten have been celebrating colour week. KP loves dressing up in different colours on Fridays and getting artistic with their colour craft!

Students in KP have enthusiastically engaged in various numeracy lessons and TEN activities. We are learning to count and recognise numbers.

Congratulations to all of the students in KP on making a fabulous start to school.

Miss Pezzano

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**5/6R**

5/6R has had a wonderful start to 2016! We have been working hard on making goals that we want to achieve this year and are looking forward to helping each other achieve them.

We have been enjoying our literacy lessons and reading a variety of new novels (Diary of a Wimpy Kid and anything by Roald Dahl are our current favourites). We have been learning all about making inferences and how we can uncover the authors meaning by looking at both the text and images. We have also been learning about different language features and how we can use these to make our writing awesome!

Maths groups have been a big hit with our class and we are always excited to come back and talk about the interesting concepts we have learnt.

Our History lessons have been amazing. So far we have been learning all about Sir Henry Parkes, the ‘Father of Federation’, and the Constitution. Come and ask us all about it!

5/6R love participating in art. So far this year we have looked at Piet Mondrian’s artworks and have also created pop art inspired portraits. We think they look amazing and are very proud of how well they turned out! Can you guess who we are based on our art?

We are all very excited to reach our goals and to see what else this term has in store!
Prestons Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st March (Week 9). Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day and to bring a **gold coin donation**. Donations will be forwarded to Liverpool Multicultural Resource Centre.

Students will be learning about Harmony Day in class that week.

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

The app is FREE to download.

*More information and download instructions for other devices can be found at: [www.skoolbag.com.au/](http://www.skoolbag.com.au/)