Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

HEAD LICE:
CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR
As will often occur in schools, a few cases of head lice have been reported in recent weeks. To prevent this from becoming a larger issue, we ask that you check your child’s/children’s hair for lice and/or eggs and treat accordingly with an appropriate lice treatment. The most effective way to do this is to purchase cheap hair condition, apply it liberally to your child’s hair then comb it out using a fine head lice comb. (The combs are quite cheap and available at any chemist). This process will remove both the eggs and head lice and will certainly make your child feel much more comfortable and ready to learn. If you do happen to find evidence of head lice, it is also advised to wash your child’s bed linen and hats to prevent further reoccurrence.

P&C AGM
On Tuesday night, the Prestons P&C held their Annual General Meeting (AGM). Whilst it would have been great to see more people there (in a school with 550+ students we should at least be able to get more than the 20 people that attended), it was nice to see some new parents join us for such an important meeting. On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our thanks to the outgoing Vice President - Mr Rosch for his commitment and dedication to the Prestons Public School community over the many years that he has served our great school. We also welcome our new (and continuing) executive members - Mrs Micheli (President), Mrs Symonds-Poynton (Vice President), Mrs Tsounias (Treasurer), Mrs Bates (Secretary) and Mrs Tran (P&C Auditor). I look forward to working with the P&C Executive and the rest of our (increasing) P&C, in what is sure to be an exciting and productive year.

THANK YOU EVERYONE
Thank you to all the families who generously supported our P&C raffle, by donating eggs for our Annual Easter Raffle. A HUGE thank you to the parents who generously gave up their time this morning to package all the eggs into prize hampers. As a result of our wonderful community, we have approximately 60 prizes to be won in this years Easter raffle, so if you haven’t bought a ticket yet – you might want to hurry up!! The Easter raffle will be drawn next Thursday 24th March, at the school’s Annual Easter Hat Parade.

Mark Greentree - Principal
Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 24th March at 12:00. Come and celebrate with us by watching the students show off the wonderful hats they have created in class or at home. Students may go home after the parade but parents are reminded to sign out their child with the classroom teacher before leaving.

P&C Easter Raffle

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.

Parent English Class

There will be NO Parent English Class on Friday 18th March or Friday 25th March.
Classes will begin again on Friday 1st April.

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.

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.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!
Currently $1348

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Classroom Chat with .....  

A Glance at the week with 1/2 BR

The children in 1/2BR are always busy doing lots of learning and this week was no exception. As always the children start off each day with “Crunch and Sip”. Followed by phonics activities related to our weekly sound.

In History, we have been learning about “present and past family life”. The children have enjoyed and done a great job making their family trees this week.

In maths we have been learning to use the “jump strategy” to calculate subtraction facts.

Finally, 1/2BR were the proud winners this week. They received “the best class” trophy for great work and behaviour during technology lessons with Mrs Hawker. Mrs Boyd and Miss Robinson are so pleased to teach such a beautiful class.

3/4B

3/4B has had an incredible start to the year! It has been such a joy for the past 8 weeks, getting to know each other, watching friendships form and discovering so many marvellous talents.

I have been super impressed with how everyone is settling in. Especially year 3, with the jump from infants to primary. The students have all shown a willingness to learn and are developing team building skills.

Our writing program has shown a talent and a love of writing in 3/4B. Students have been creating stories they have planned with SIZZLING STARTS and characters with problems to overcome. They are understanding that the words they use create tension in a story and allow the reader to feel an emotion.

In history, students have been developing their research skills, using technology to research emblems throughout Prestons Public School’s history and in all Australian states. Students were excited to learn more about our school history and loved seeing photos and video’s of people who attended Prestons before them! When researching flags and emblems, some students keenly looked up the history of the traditional flags and emblems from their family’s heritage. What a great start to our history unit!

I am very excited about our upcoming excursion in Week 10. This visit to Sea life Sydney Aquarium and Wildlife Sydney Zoo complements our Science & Technology unit “Feathers, Fur and Fins” It will be an enjoyable educational experience for all!

I am looking forward to the rest of 2016 with 3/4B!
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.

Parent English Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, there will be no Parent English Class on either Friday 18th March or Friday 25th March.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Naicker and Mrs Martin

Cha mẹ thân yêu và những người chăm sóc,

Thật không may, sẽ không có chuyên tiếng Anh lớp trên hoặc 18 thứ sáu tháng ba hoặc thứ sáu ngày 25 tháng 3.

Chính English Class sẽ bắt đầu lại vào ngày thứ Sáu 01 Tháng Tư. Chúng tôi mong muốn được nhìn thấy bạn sau đó.

Trân trọng,

Ba Naicker và bà Martin