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

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

FILLING UP BUCKETS

Have you heard the term: “Filling your Bucket”? All classes at Prestons Public School have been participating in a well being and resilience program over the last term, based around a very simple concept. The basis of the idea is that everyone carries around with them an ‘invisible bucket’. The purpose of this bucket is to hold your good thoughts and feelings about yourself. (Self esteem) This bucket can be easily filled by other people, when they say nice things to you, or thank you for something, or appreciate you for who you are. It can also be filled by people recognising your achievements or efforts. Our buckets can also be filled by ourselves, when we do nice things for other people, or make others feel happy. On the flip side, our buckets can be emptied by people who criticise, tease or bully us. The trick is, to try and be a bucket filler, rather than a bucket emptier, and also be ready to ‘put a lid on our bucket’ when people are trying to empty it. (Resilience) Our students are getting pretty good at filling their own (and other people’s) buckets, and knowing when to put a lid on it, to keep it full. It’s a simple concept – but it works well! I wonder how many buckets we can all fill over the Easter break??

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and friends that joined us today for our Annual Easter Hat Parade. This annual event always has a wonderful carnival atmosphere, and whether you celebrate Easter or not, the children (and some parents) really have a great time celebrating and showcasing their terrific hat making skills. Of course our Easter Parade is only complete with our MASSIVE Easter Raffle, and I’m sure that there will be a bunch of happy families this weekend, enjoying their Chocolate baskets that they won in our raffle. Our Easter raffle is one of our most successful and well supported fundraisers during the year, and it can only be possible due to the hardwork and commitment of some of our P&C members. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank all the parents involved, for making the tickets, collecting the raffle money, making the Easter baskets, and ensuring that the 2016 Easter Raffle was such a wonderful success!! On behalf of all the staff and students at Prestons Public School, I wish all our families and friends a very Happy Easter and a safe and relaxing time over the four day weekend. See you all next Tuesday!!

Mark Greentree - Principal
**School Information**

**Assembly Information**

K-2 – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

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3 & 4 – Every EVEN week, Thursdays commencing at 2.15pm

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5 & 6 – Every ODD week, Thursdays commencing at 2.15pm

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**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 belt coach.

**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.

**Sporting Schools**

Sporting Schools has concluded for this term. Students will finish at 3.00 pm as normal next Tuesday and Thursday.

**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.

**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.

** roundup**

**Student of the Week Award Recipients**

KA - Mohsina & Nouha
KH - Evan & Benjamin
KP - Tauleen & Nyan
KS - Zakariya & Asela
1C – Jodi & Zain
1M – Hassan & Pavlos
1R – Hassan & Rahul
1/2BR – Fabiola & Arriann
2B – Thomas & Alicia
2W – Khaled & Matilda
2/3C – Khadeeja & Arnab
3 & 4 – Jessica & Jasmin
3/4B – Rani & Ana
3/4K – Jozalyn & Sahar
3/4M – Aleeyah & Stamatis
3/4S – Rhani & Ana
3/4T – Lara & Kody
5/6J – Lavanya & Connor
5/6L – Sarah & Ibrahim
5/6M – Nivedita & Rohan
5/6P – Samuel & Saman
5/6R – Ryan & Laksha
5/6V – Zoey

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Classroom Chat with…..

A Peek Inside KS

The boys and girls in KS have quickly settled into “big school” and are ready to learn. We have started learning how to read and I am really impressed with the students who are already recognising some of our sight words in their texts and are using beginning reading strategies. During writing we are focussing on leaving spaces between our words, identifying the initial sound of each word and learning how to write a sentence correctly.

Our phonics program has focused on the letters – m,a,s,t,i,f,d and r. We have all become detectives during phonics time and have been looking for items that begin with our sounds. The students are really enjoying bringing in an item from home that starts with our sound of the week.

Our colour days have been a fabulous success so far and we are all looking forward to rainbow week at the end of the term. Our classroom is looking very bright and colourful, the children are proud of their craft work and love having it on display for everyone to see.

KS is a great place to be and I am looking forward to assisting each child in achieving their learning goals this year.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Seeney

5/6M

5/6M is happy to have the opportunity to tell everyone about some of the awesome things that have been happening in term 1!

A few weeks ago our year sixes underwent some leadership training at Wooglemai. We learnt about how to work cooperatively in a team, improved our communication skills and our resilience in the face of adversity.

Our year fives also went on an excursion to the Australian Museum. They learnt about Australian history and culture. This links to the History unit we have been completing in class, where we have been discussing how Australia became the nation it is today.

5/6M and our next door neighbours 5/6P, have been working together to improve our literacy skills by implementing the program ‘7 Steps to Writing Success’. We’ve been working cooperatively to plan and write exciting narratives using vivid description and lightning fast action.
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.

Premiers Reading Challenge

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will complete their challenge during Library and class lessons. Years 3 to 6 must complete the challenge independently. The Premier’s Reading Challenge must be completed by 19th August. Students may keep reading records either through their student portal or on the green Premier’s Reading Challenge Log sheet. Reading records must to be regularly. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please see Mrs Hawkins.