Dear parents,

Last week we had a very successful and engaging Literacy/Numeracy Week combined with Fruit and Veg Week. It was great to see students actively engaged in the activities on offer such as the Read-a-thon, Mad Hatter’s Picnic, Fruit and Veg Trivia, apple slinky day and the Indigenous Book Swap. Thank you to everyone who helped to make these events successful. Posters will be up on the notice boards with lots of pictures from these events.

Also, I was so proud of our drama team who were invited to participate in this year’s South West Sydney Drama Festival. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Friday matinee and their performance was very polished and professional. Mrs Naicker has reported that the organising team highly praised and commended our students for their outstanding behaviour and respect they displayed throughout the festival.

Of concern is the huge number of lost property items. Four full bags of uniforms were handed over to the second hand uniform shop. Despite hanging these items out on the railings and appealing to students to come and find their clothing they were not claimed. None of these items had names/classes clearly marked on them. Please ensure that all clothing likely to be removed throughout the day is labelled to ensure its safe return.

The Principal’s Award this week goes to class 2/3/4S for great group work habits and engagement in learning. Congratulations students and Miss Siddons.

Gail McHugh
Relieving Principal
Indigenous Book Swap Day

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated and bought books on Wednesday 31st of August for the “indigenous Book Swap Day”. We managed to raise $101 which will go towards purchasing brand new books for Indigenous schools in remote areas.

A big thank you to SRC for organising and running lots of fruit and vegetable activities last week. Students and teachers seemed to thoroughly enjoy the week!

BOOKCLUB

Issue 6 closed last week. Please allow 7-10 working days for the order to arrive. Orders to be collected from the office.
BOOK WEEK at Prestons
We will be celebrating Book Week at Prestons PS in Week 9 this term. Your children will be introduced over the next few weeks to the fabulous books which have been nominated for 2011 book prizes.
Our celebration will include a Book Fair where students and parents may buy great books to take home and/or to donate to the school Library. Book prices will start at just $1 so start saving up for this event and help celebrate Book Week.
International Day will be part of this celebration with the theme “One world, many stories”.
More information can be found on the International Day flier.

INTERNATIONAL DAY
Wednesday 14 September
Parents and friends are invited to join us in our celebrations to recognise the many nations of origin of our families at Prestons PS. Come along to your child’s class and tell your family’s story about making Australia your home. Join us in our feast of nations sampling foods and flavours from around the world. The customary Flag Ceremony will take place after our feast of nations. Some fabulous cultural dancing and story telling will be another feature of the day.
SEE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

INTERNATIONAL DAY
FEAST OF NATIONS
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14
We would love to have contributions from all families to our International Day FEAST OF NATIONS. We aim to have dishes from all of our cultures. The fabulous food will be set up as a buffet for our students and parents to sample and enjoy. Your expertise in cooking and preparing your favourite cultural food will be greatly appreciated.
Due to food allergies, we must have a list of ingredients attached to all food contributions so that everyone may safely enjoy the Food Festival.
On the day, please send your cultural food and list of ingredients to the school hall with your child, or bring it to school by 10:45am on Wednesday, September 14.
We request that food donations be sent to school in disposable dishes. If not possible, please be sure to clearly label your containers with your child's name and class to enable easy return.
Please see Mrs Leverett if you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you, in advance, for your interest and support.
Mrs Lynne Leverett
For the Multicultural Committee

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
2011 Premier’s Reading Challenge has been a great success. Prestons PS had 97 readers complete the challenge. Congratulations to all the readers - students and parents - who enjoyed reading so many books. Keep reading, and be ready for 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge next year.

TOOLS 4 SCHOOL
The Stationery Stall is continuing with thanks to our ambassador Christian and the leadership team: Emily, Seljan and Dimce. They have several helpers at each break to assist them in selling all sorts of stationery. The stall will run until the end of term so get your Tools 4 School from the gang at the stationery stall.
We plan to have a few more fund raising events next term to help buy a great gift for the school from year 6.
Hothouse Art Workshops

Two of our Year 6 students participated in the Hothouse Art Workshops at Campbelltown Art Gallery in week 6. Shaelin Caronna and Daniella Ballout had the opportunity to develop their artistic skills in ceramics and did a fabulous job at creating artworks. Well done to both girls on producing spectacular sculptures.

Music Count Us In

Prestons Public School joined together last Thursday to Celebrate Music Education and sing together the song “We’ve got the Music”. All of the students were busy learning the song and actions over the past few weeks and the Music Club was busy rehearsing some backing using the xylophones and percussions instruments. Well done to everyone involved and keep singing!!

Pictures from our Footy Mufti Day!!!!

Assembly Times

This week assembly times have been changed due to public speaking.
Stage 1 assembly will be Wednesday at 12.45pm.
Stage 3 assembly will be at 11.40am on Friday morning.
Stage 2 Public Speaking assembly - Week 9
Monday 11.40am. There will be no Friday assembly this week.
Literacy & Numeracy Week

A great week was had last week celebrating Literacy and numeracy Week. The read-a-thon graph shows how much each class read and the Reading Galaxy in the Library shares all of the wonderful books we have been reading. There were some excellent literacy and numeracy activities on Tuesday that all children enjoyed and of course our Mad Hatter’s Picnic ended the day nicely. Thank you also to all of the teachers and students who helped raise money at the Indigenous Book Swap. We raised over $100 for Indigenous Communities. Students had lots of fun incorporating Fruit and Veg month into their Literacy and Numeracy activities.

Pictures from Literacy & Numeracy Week

Year 6 Fund Raising News...

THANKYOU !!!

to everyone who has supported the year 6 fund raising over the past few weeks. We raised over $400 on our Footy Mufti and Hairspray Day.
CUP CAKE DAY
Our next fund raising event will be on the last day of term. Year 6 will be holding a cup cake day from 2:15 - 3:00 on Thursday 22nd September.
Come and enjoy a cup cake for 50c or $1.

CAMP INSTALLMENTS
Thank you to all of the families who have finalised camp instalments. If you have not finished paying the $145 for the Bathurst camp could you please finalise your payment as soon as possible. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated, thank you.

L.A.a.F.F
If your child is a member of Stage 1 and Year 6 Dance Group, 3-6 Dance Group or the Primary Choir please be reminded that rehearsal is on Tuesday September 13th from 9am to 1pm at Hoxton Park Anglican Church. The cut off date for payments is fast approaching. Please ensure payments are made for bus transport, tickets and souvenir t-shirts by Friday 9th September. Please hand all notes and payments to the office prior to 10am.

Year 5
High School Parent Information Session
Year 5 students and their parents should begin thinking about their choice of high school for 2013. To assist in this process and with information about filling in the application form (which will be available early next year), we will be holding a parent information session on Tuesday 20th September from 6-7pm in the year 6 rooms. Representatives from each of the local government high schools will be in attendance. It may seem a long way off but now is the time you will need to start thinking about your choice of high school as forms need to be filled in early term 1, 2012. Please fill in the slip below to express your intention to attend this important information evening.
Thank you
Stage 3 teachers

Year 5 High School Parent Information Session
I will be attending the year 5 parent information evening from 6-7 pm on Tuesday 20th September in the year 6 rooms.

Name: ___________________________
Child's name: __________________________class_______