Dear parents,

Great student achievement results from out of school events continue this week. In the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Spelling test Aimun Nauman and Kevin Noronha both achieved Distinctions and Anosha Ahmed Ghori, Daiyan Zahid and Ramna Safda achieved Credits. In the Writing test Christina LoGiudice achieved a High Distinction, Aimun Nauman and Henrissa Pama both achieved Distinctions and Anagha Janakiraman and Diayan Zahid achieved Credits. Congratulations to all students who entered and participated in these tests.

This week a letter will be coming home to ask if you no longer require a paper edition of the weekly newsletter as you access it via the Prestons PS web page at www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. This will assist the school in lowering our carbon footprint as well as reducing printing costs. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Next week is Literacy Numeracy Week and the school has planned several engaging student centred activities to celebrate including: Indigenous Book Swap; Mad Hatter’s Picnic; Read-A-Thon; Literacy/Numeracy Fun Day. As well, we will also be celebrating Fruit and Vegetable Week at the same time. Mrs Beavis has planned daily activities during play breaks for students to participate. What an exciting week to look forward to!

The Principal’s Class of the Week Award goes to class 4BP who have demonstrated fantastic behaviour and engagement in learning over the past weeks. Congratulations students, Mrs Boss and Mrs Bayley-Patton (class teachers).
BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders from Issue 5 we still have orders to be picked up from the front office. Issue 5 will go home today with the children. Please complete the order form with your child’s full name and class, place it in a sealed envelope and place your envelope in our money slot located in the front office area. Issue 6 closes on Thursday 1st September 2011.

P & C Corner

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Used Uniform Shop

Next Opening Date for September
5th September

9.00am in the P & C Room
(Behind Canteen)

2011 School Calendar

Term 3  19/7/2011 – 23/9/2011
Term 4  10/10/2011 –16/12/2011

Indigenous Book Swap Day

On Wednesday 31st August, Prestons will be holding Indigenous Book Swap Day in the hall to help raise funds for Indigenous children in remote communities.

Students may bring a book from home that they have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Students pay a gold coin donation to swap it for someone else’s book. Books should be in good condition in order to be swapped.

When: Week 7, 31st August
Where: School Hall
Book drop off time: 8.30 in the hall

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 will be forthcoming so watch this space!

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This is the last week for Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students must return their green Reading Log sheet to Mrs Leverett by Friday August 26 (this Friday). Some students may not have their Reading Log sheets because they may have already completed the challenge and have been recorded.
Help us grow our school veggie patch!

You can help us get started by collecting barcodes from all your McCain frozen vegetables and McCain Purely Potato packs. Simply cut out the barcodes from your pack and pop them in the box located at the front office.

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If you made any McCain purchases at Woolworths during July and August, put your receipts in the box to earn double the points!

**STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY**

Stage 2 & 3 will be participating in the Prestons Spelling Bee this week. Two students from each stage will be chosen to participate in the Regional Final which our school is hosting in Week 10.

**Stage 2 assembly** will be on Thursday 25th August at 9am (instead of Friday 26th August at 2:15pm). **Stage 3 assembly** will be on Thursday 25th August at 2:15pm.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend!

**Footy Fever Mufti & Hair Spray Day**

**26th August 2011**

**Gold coin for footy mufti & 50 cents for colour hair spray**

**Parent Information:**

Here is another helpful idea on building your children’s resilience, prepared by Michael Grose, a leading parent educator.

**OVERCOMING CHALLENGES ENABLES KIDS TO GROW AND IMPROVE.**

There are many times when children are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones. For example – giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with. Children often put pressure on their parents to rescue them, so parents make excuses or allow them to stay home. As parents we should show our confidence in our kids and teach them skills for coping rather than encouraging them to avoid such situations. When parents rescue children from learning situations they are robbing them of opportunities to challenge themselves, and learn from these experiences.

**Around the World with Prestons**

It’s that time of the year again. We hope you’ve been thinking of all those yummy recipes that you cook with Mum, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa at home that represent your cultural heritage. Our biennial International Day is happening on Wednesday 14th September. Be sure to mark it on your calendar. A note will be going home to outline the details of the day and special requirements for food. Parents and friends are welcome to join in our celebrations for a gold coin donation. Please let your classroom teacher know if you would like to take part in our special day.

With Thanks

The Multicultural Committee

**Free NRL Tickets**

The Department of Education and Communities, NRL, Bulldogs and ANZ Stadium have joined together to offer students and families an opportunity to obtain free tickets for the NRL match on Sunday September 4 between the Bulldogs and Raiders. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should:

2. Click on the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Ticket Giveaway
3. Register their details.
4. Print out the voucher and bring it with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.

Please note: Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer. Each student and teacher is entitled
to up to 4 free tickets. A match ticket voucher must be downloaded from the website for entry. For any enquiries, please phone 02 9266 8773

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 boys who entered the Mind Marathon held at East Hills Boys High School. We had two year 6 teams and a year 5 team who worked hard throughout the day to solve puzzles and answer questions on various topics. The competition was very tough and our boys are to be commended for their efforts.

Thanks to Mrs Naicker for organising the teams and Mrs Bowyer for attending with her.

PAYMENTS TO FRONT OFFICE

We currently have quite a few envelopes with change in it belonging to students. If you do not have the correct change when paying through the front office it is the child’s responsibility to come back at recess time and pick up their change. The office staff are unable to use the microphone to call children. If you are awaiting change please have your child come to the front office to collect.

School Uniforms are only sold on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays only. 8.30am till 1.00pm. Please try to have the correct money when paying. Cash or cheque only accepted.

2012 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Children who have turned 5 years of age on or before July 31st 2012 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten 2012.

If your child is 5 or is turning 5 years of age please contact our school office for enrolment forms and details about school enrolment.

Kinder orientation days are in Term 4. They will be Wednesdays - October 19, 26, November 2. Keep those dates free, come along, bring your child to join in with Kindergarten activities and gather important information about school life.

Orientation invites went out in the mail last Friday. Please don't allow your child to miss these important days. Have you contacted the front office with details, if not do so now.

MAD HATTER’S PICNIC

Don’t be late for a very important date! Join us for a Mad Hatter’s Picnic to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week as well as Fruit and Veg month!

When - Tuesday 30th August at 1.45pm
Where - On our school oval

What to bring - Parents and friends are invited to come and have a picnic with us. Bring a fruit and veg picnic, a blanket, wear your favourite hat and bring your favourite book and game to play.