Dear parents,

What an exciting week we had at Prestons PS last week. Our performance “Dance To The Music” starring each of the classes from K-6 was wonderful. A huge thank you to the whole school community for the support each of you gave to making this show successful. The relieving School Education Director Debbie Lowe has asked me to pass on her praise and thanks as well. Thank you also for your attendance at Open Classrooms on Friday.

We have our fingers crossed that the weather will remain fine and our Athletics Carnival can finally be held on Wednesday 3rd August at Ash Rd Casula. Please ensure your child has returned the new permission note that went home in Week 1 this term. Students will not be allowed to attend without this note.

I have concerns about a growing number of students who are either arriving at school far too early in the morning or not being picked up promptly after school. If you know you are going to be late it is extremely important that you contact the school and let us know what is going on. Before and after school care is available at Prestons PS through YMCA. Forms are available through the front office.

On Wednesday 10th August the Camp Quality Puppets will be performing at Prestons PS. The show is an educational program using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses. The show is free of costs. A flyer explaining the program in more detail has been included in the newsletter.

Congratulations to the Year 5 Debating team who won their round held at school on Friday. The team had to argue the affirmative for “Domestic animals should be banned. The adjudicator was impressed with the arguments they put forward.
**School Security**
**24 Hour Toll Free**
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2011 School Calendar

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**P & C Corner**

P&C Contacts

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**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.

*To receive your invitation to these dates please ensure your child’s details are with our office ladies.*

**New Technology Tools for your Child**

*(message from DET)*

Over the next few weeks students will see their student portal change with a new look, enhanced features and a new URL. Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

On 14 June 2011 Year 9 students will receive their new student portal. Year 9 will be followed by Year 10, Years 7 and 8, then TAFE. Years 11 and 12, Kindergarten to Year 2 and finally Years 3 to 6 will follow early in Term 3.

From 14 June 2011 all school students will access their student portal, from home and at school, from a new URL: [http://student.det.nsw.edu.au](http://student.det.nsw.edu.au), whether or not they have access to the new student portal.

Students will be able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via their student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. The new student portal will have timetable and calendar portlets for students to add their own details.

Students will also be able to make their portal look the way they want by changing colour scheme and rearranging, opening or closing portlets.

**Used Uniform Shop**

Next Opening Date for August

22nd August

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

**BOOKCLUB**

Issue 5: Book club was handed out last week to your child. Please hand your orders back into the office by Friday 5 August.
You can now place any money you have for the office into the slot. Before money can be dropped through the slot the following procedures need to be followed:

1. All monies need to be enclosed in a sealed envelope or sealed plastic bag – clearly marked with child’s name and class.
2. All forms need to show full first name, full last name and class.
3. Correct money enclosed where possible.
4. Change will be given when processed but your child needs to collect this from the front office.
5. We also have a lot of change that has not been picked up by our students. We have requested children to pick up but as of today we still have quite a few still waiting. If your child is owed change please ask them to come to the office to collect or check.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee Information**

The word lists for the 2011 Premier’s Spelling Bee are now available.


Username: teacher

Password: arachnophobia

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

The ICAS Maths test will be held on Monday 15th August. This date has been changed from the 16th August with permission from the UNSW due to clashing school events.

**Debating**

Last Friday both of our Prestons debating teams participated in debates against Harrington Park Public School. All students represented our school extremely well, displaying great debating skills. Despite this great effort our Year 6 team were narrowly defeated, however our Year 5 team were victorious. Well done to all debaters!!

**Coles and Woolworths Dockets**

We currently are accepting sales dockets receipts from both of the above mention stores. Our Woolworths box is sitting on top of our wooden class roll stand and our Coles box has just arrived.

If you have Coles dockets please hand them to our office ladies. Thank you.

**Lost Property**

Currently in our front office area we have a number of lost property items. Please come and check if your child is missing a hat or jumper it may be there. All items not cleared will be handed over to the P & C for their second hand shop.