Dear parents,

Wow! Term 3 has started off with a bang. Last Wednesday we had our opening of the BER buildings and refurbishments with the Hon. Laurie Ferguson MP for Werriwa and Dr Andrew McDonald MP for Macquarie Fields in attendance. Our special guests were extremely impressed by the standard of our students’ behaviour and the level of respect displayed as well as the high quality of the student items. This week we have our school performance “Dance To The Music” on Thursday. Tickets need to be purchased to attend this show.

Unfortunately our Athletics Carnival had to be postponed again due to wet weather. The new date is Wednesday August 3rd at Ash Rd Casula. Students must return the new permission note in order to attend. The Sausage Sizzle will be held at school on Monday 1st August as there are no facilities at Ash Rd for BBQ. The canteen will still be open for business as usual on this day.

This Friday is our Education Week Open Day. Parents and other guests may visit classrooms from 10:00-11:00am. Visitors are most welcome to stay for lunch with their children.

Our next P&C meeting is on this Tuesday at 6:00pm. At the last meeting the colour of girls’ tights for school was discussed and a decision was made that grey, black or maroon should be the colours for school uniform. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Most students are trying hard to have their school uniform on each day. Student assistance funds are available for families experiencing financial difficulties to purchase uniforms. As well, the P&C run a second hand uniform shop every fortnight.

Congratulations to Christina Lo Giudice for her 1st place win at the District Multicultural Competition. Christina will now go on to represent the district and Prestons PS at the Regional final on the 10th August. We wish her all the best.

Gail McHugh
Relieving Principal

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TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

During Term 3 we will be conducting our Positive Parenting Program that provides practical strategies and answers to your everyday parenting questions and needs. This course is provided by Liverpool Salvation Army and is run by personnel qualified in family support. The sessions will be run on Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks starting on July 27 2011, at 9:15am in the Computer Lab. Please complete the slip on the flyer you received last week and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

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BOOKCLUB

Bookclub was handed out yesterday to your child. Please hand your orders back into the office by Friday 5 August.
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.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

The ICAS English test will be held on Monday 1st August. This date has been changed from the 2nd August with permission from the UNSW due to clashing school events.

DEBATING

Both of our Prestons debating teams will have their third debate this Friday, 29th July, against Harrington Park Public School.

Our Year 5 team will be debating from 10:00 - 10:30. 5J and 5/6L will be the audience for this debate so their Open Classrooms will be from 10:30 - 11:00.

Our Year 6 team will be debating from 10:30 - 11:00. 6B and 6C will be the audience for this debate so their Open Classrooms will be from 10:00 - 10:30.

All are welcome to come and watch the debates which be held in the Prestons school library.
All debaters will need to be at school by 8:40 this Friday, to begin their preparation by 8:55. Good luck debaters!

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, 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.

Office News

Don't Forget Money Payments

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.
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