Dear parents and students

When I started teaching in 1978 I thought that retirement was such a long way away. However, the time that always seemed to be so far away has now arrived. I have submitted my application for retirement and will retire on 1 July, the last day of this term. I feel very privileged to have had Prestons as my “last” school. My first permanent appointment was to Ruse Public School where I taught Mrs Seeney in Year 1 in my first year of teaching. I also taught Mrs Davies son, Paul, in Year 2 there, and Mrs Lucas in Kindergarten and Year 2. At Campbelltown North where I had my first assistant principal position, Mr Lord was in the Kindergarten grade that I supervised. I hope that I will again be lucky enough to meet the children from Prestons in a few years time when they too are out working, have their own families and are leading successful lives. This time will also arrive much more quickly than anyone will expect.

Prestons is a lovely school with terrific staff and fantastic kids. It has been my honour to have been the principal here. I hope that I will get to see many of you before I retire but for any that I don’t, I wish you all the best for the future and thank you for your support.

Anne Sheldrick
Principal
Dear parents

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students put in a big week with completing 4 NAPLAN tests. The students tried very hard and made their teachers proud. Well done Year 3 and Year 5 students.

The first stage of our student toilets renovation has occurred with the installation of water saving push taps in the sinks. We are waiting for the delivery of the new toilet suites later this week so that they can be installed over the coming week.

The Athletics Carnival note went home with all students who are 8 years and older. The carnival will be held at Dwyer Oval on Tuesday 31st May. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and cheer on the day. As well, we have access to the canteen and a barbeque. We are looking for community volunteers to be rostered on for a period of time to man the barbeque or sell drinks. An expression of interest will be going home later this week. Unfortunately without this support we will be unable to run a barbeque as all staff are needed in the running of the carnival.

Thank you so much to the families who have so far responded to the Voluntary School Contributions. A copy of this note can be found on the school web-site or you can get a copy from the front office.

Gail McHugh
Relieving Principal

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2011 School Calendar

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School Security

24 Hour Toll Free

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Stewart House Bags

Please ensure bags are returned back to school by Thursday 26 May.
Bags are to be left neatly outside Mr Currey’s door first thing in the mornings only.

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P&C Corner

P&C Contacts
Raymond (President) 0408 207 228
Naomi (Secretary)

Used Uniform Shop
Next Opening Date for May 2011
23rd May
9.00am in the P&C Room
(Behind Canteen)

Any volunteers that are willing to help out in the used uniform shop please contact Amanda on 0404 086847

Coles Sports Vouchers

Last week we received our sports equipment from Coles after trading in all our shopping dockets last year. In total we had over 20000 points to spend on sports equipment for our school. We have received two first aid kits and sports equipment including frisbees, netballs, targets and a blindfolded soccer kit. Thanks to all the parents who shopped at Coles during Term 4 last year and donated their dockets to our school. Your donations have had great impact on the education of your child.
Mr Lord
Sports Coordinator

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Learn Music on Keyboard at Prestons Public School

* Music theory * Instrument playing
* Ensemble practice * Fun music games
* 45 mins lesson weekly, small group
* Music material included
* Instrument not required initially

Smart Kids Love Music!

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Office News

Money Payments
Front Office
Shortly we will be processing money with a new procedure. Installed in our office is a new money drop box for security. 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.

Stage 2 Parents/Guardians
If you expressed interest in applying for the opportunity class on behalf of your child, the closing date is Friday 20th May, 2011. You must have returned your paper application package OR applied online by Friday 20th May, 2011.
Thank you

Uniform Sales
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
from 8.30am – 1.00pm

BOOK CLUB ISSUE NO. 3
Book Club closed yesterday. Please allow 7 – 10 days for delivery.

SRC Beyblade Rules
• Beyblades can only be played at LUNCH.
• You must bring your own equipment.
• You can only use a stadium – NOT tote trays or bin lids.
  • Do not play on walk ways.
• Only friendly matches are allowed.
  Thank you!

SRC football card rules
• Football cards can only be played at LUNCH.
• You must bring your own cards.
• You must not swap or trade your cards.
  • Do not play on walk ways.
• Only friendly matches are allowed.
  Thank you!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
Please be advised that the ICAS English and Mathematics test payments close 28th June at 10:00am. Please download a form from the school web page at http://www.prestons-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/831963.node or contact the front office for a copy.
Practice questions can be downloaded at http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/etc/prepare

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