Dear parents

On Sunday morning Mrs Donvenekham’s son Ethan was born 3 weeks early. Both Mrs Donvenekham and Ethan are in good health. Mrs Narayan will be taking over as classroom teacher from Monday 23rd May until the start of Term 3 when the class will be shared with Miss Ross and Mrs Narayan.

As mentioned last week the Athletics will be held at Dwyer Oval on Tuesday 31st May. It is expected that all students from Years 3-6 will be participating in this annual school event as it forms an integral part of the PDH curriculum. 8 year olds in Year 2 may also choose to attend the event. Student assistance is available for families requiring financial assistance. Please contact the front office before the closing date to organise this. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and cheer on the day.

Last Wednesday a student’s mobile phone went missing. If anyone has information relating to this please contact Mrs McHugh through the front office.

There has been a police report of a man in a white van trying to coax children into his car with lollies. Please talk to your children about stranger danger and report anything of concern to local police.

This week I have selected the drama troupe who will be competing in the Play Day competition on Tuesday for the Principal’s Award. They have given up their own break times to rehearse their drama skit for the competition and have finished up with a polished performance. A big thank you goes to Mrs Naicker (coach) and Miss Siddons who have given up their time to plan and coordinate this performance. Good luck team!

Gail McHugh
Relieving Principal
2011 School Calendar

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

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. As of next Monday please deposit any money you have for the office in 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.

Used Uniform Shop

Next Opening Dates for June 2011

6th & 20th June
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

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!

Call to enrol: 9411 3122
(VIP Music est. 1984)
Small School Bags
As from tomorrow smaller size school bags will be available in the office for $20.

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

All parents have the best intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can sometimes cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their children’s long-term interests.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids stretch and grow. Dealing with these hardships effectively teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s challenges.

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.

Lights, Camera, Action
Do you love music? Do you love dance?
Then get ready for Prestons Public School’s creative arts performance
Prestons Public school is getting ready for its Biennial Performance.
The 2 matinee performances will be on Thursday 28th July. Keep a look out for details. Tickets will be on sale soon!

BOOK CLUB
ISSUE NO. 3
Orders have been placed but due to problems with the ordering system the orders were placed late. As soon as books arrive they will be distributed.

KEEP EXPECTATIONS IN LINE WITH CHILDREN’S ABILITIES AND DON’T PUT EXCESSIVE PRESSURE
Sometimes parents put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform at school or in sport or other interests. Many children today experience excessive parent pressure to achieve at continuously high standards. Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them but not achieve their true potential. Too high and kids give up and can experience anxiety. There are highly anxious kids sitting in every classroom in the world. As parents we must keep our expectations realistic. We all wish for our kids to do their best at school. Their best should be at their own ability.