

PRESTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We, at Preston South Primary School, would like to show our respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, of elders past and present. We extend a warm welcome to everyone who visits our school.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fourth term is already proving to be another eventful period for us at Preston South. Students have already started to prepare for the end of year concert as well as the transition planning/activities for secondary school. Yesterday, we conducted our first of four Prep transition programs and we were delighted to see all the happy and excited Kindergarten students. As part of our transition program, we host a 'meet and greet' our community on the last day of the program. We invite all members of our school community to come along to a morning tea at 9.30am on Thursday 1st of November. Please join us in welcoming our new 2019 parents to our very special and caring school community. Please bring along a plate (cake or other morning tea item) to share. This annual event is a great way for our new parents and carers to witness our supporting community and ease any of the anxiety that they might have about school or ask questions of the more experienced parents and carers.



Recently we received back our parent opinion survey. This survey was completed online by 42 families. This is an overwhelming response rate considering the size of our school. Staff are extremely proud and overwhelmed to read that the overall parent satisfaction in the area of **community engagement and learning is 98%**. This is absolutely extraordinary and I would like to thank all members of the school community for their collective responsibility of the wellbeing of every member of this community, this includes students, parents and teachers. The school identifies parents/carers as important partners in raising student achievement. It encourages family engagement through provision of information on school activities, policies and programs and how to support their child's learning at home.

Although we recognise we are doing well in this area, we know we have to work hard to maintain that level of engagement. It is with your support and encouragement that we can continue to be a great school. This survey also pointed out some areas of where we need to focus our attention for the following year -Teacher communication specifically. We have already started to consider more ways to communicate to families. Our new initiative of using the SENTRAL parent portal is one of the ways parents can communicate with their child's teacher. If you wish to contact your child's teacher please log on to this app and send them a message. Once we become more familiar with the use of this app we hope to send out 'push notifications' to help parents remember special events and other important news. If you have not downloaded this app or are having difficulty logging on please make an appointment with me to assist you. If you do not have access to this technology, then please let the office know and we will send home a hard copy of this newsletter as it is our main communication tool.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday October 17th, Preston South Primary School will be hosting a House Sports Day. Students will participate in tabloid games such as Irish Soccer, Quoits, and Ultimate Frisbee, in their House Teams. The events will take place from 10.00am until 1.15pm, with the announcement of the winning house to take place at 1.30pm. Students are encouraged to come to school in their House Colours (red for Edgars, yellow for Merri, blue for Darebin) to help them get in the spirit of the day! Students should also wear sports shoes, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and bring a water bottle, as all events will be taking place outside (in the event of rain, alternative indoor games will be organised).



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Dates to
Remember



October

Thursday 18th

- Prep 2019 Orientation

Wednesday 17th

- Whole school sports day

Monday 22nd

- School Council
- Grade 1 excursion

Tuesday 23rd

- Grade 5 excursion

Thursday 25th

- Prep 2019 Orientation
- Principal for a Day 2018

Wednesday 31st

- Whole school diversity day

November

Thursday 1st

- Final Prep 2019 orientation and morning tea

Monday 5th

- Curriculum day (student free day)

Tuesday 6th

- Melbourne Cup Day (public holiday)

Monday 12th –

Friday 16th

- Swimming program

Tuesday 20th

- Whole school photo day



SWIMMING

Remember this term our major sport is swimming. If you have already paid the \$70.00 for the whole school sports program (Tennis, Yoga, AFL, Swimming) then you are not required to pay any more. Today is the last day for payment. If you have not paid after this date, we unfortunately might not be able to guarantee your child a space as we need to book the buses.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

To celebrate National children's week, students in year one are participating in "Meet the Orchestra"- which is a joint project between Darebin Libraries and the Preston Symphony Orchestra. There will be dramatic readings of two picture books with the illustrations projected onto a big screen. The Preston Symphony Orchestra will accompany the reading with a score composed especially for this event. The leader of the Orchestra will introduce the instruments and talk about how different instruments can be used to convey different emotions through sound. The children will participate in the sessions by adding their own sounds and ideas. The books the students will be listening to are: 'I'm Coming to get You', by Tony Ross and 'The Flying Orchestra' by Clare McFadden.



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY 2018

The school has participated in 'Principal for the day', for the last 4 years. This is an exciting initiative where The Principal For A Day (a business or community leader) 'shadows' the school principal, and participates in normal day-to-day activities in a school. The objectives of this initiative are to:

- Increase understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community
- Promote the great work that schools do
- Provide business and community leaders with first-hand and current experiences of schools
- Enable school principals to develop on-going relationships with leaders from other spheres
- Increase opportunities for schools and the community to work together in mutually beneficial ways.

We are pleased to announce that our Principal for the day is **Thomas Dobson**, who is the Head of Media and Partnerships of National Australia Bank. He will be our Principal on the 25th of October! He will be on playground duty in the morning with Mr. Leonidas. Please come and say hello

ENROLMENTS

We will have 4 prep grades for next year. This dramatic interest is great news for our school. The school has been contacted by the Victorian Schools Building Authority and they have informed us that we will be receiving another Modular 5 building similar to the other two that are in the playground at the moment. At this stage it seems that the school storage shed will be demolished and the play equipment in that area be moved elsewhere. We await a reply from the VSBA.

Congratulations to JSC for supporting Trundle Public School – please read this lovely letter from the School Principal.

Sun Smart Rules

- All students are required to wear a hat outside (as per our school sun smart policy).
- We ask that all parents please continue to make sure their child is wearing sun screen before school starts.
- Staff will remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors - either their own or from the class (each class has a SPf50+ UVA/BVA board spectrum sunscreen lotion bottle).
- If the temperature is above 30 C all students will remain indoors.

