Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Recently I completed an audit to self-assess and attest to our compliance to the Child Safety Standards. The Standards apply to all organisations working with children and are aimed at creating child safe cultures and environments. The audit process reminded me of how brilliant and respectful our school community is. The way we celebrate diversity and take account of the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable; and make comprehensive efforts to accommodate all students. Achieving a culturally safe school can only be achieved with the support and encouragement from our whole school community. I would like to thank all parents, teachers and students for their ongoing support and contribution to the work we do. Celebrating our school diversity is what we do best!

Keeley with Archie Roach at the ‘Sorry Day’ Darebin Arts Centre.

OUR SPECIAL GUEST

Last week students at Preston South Primary School were greeted by a very special past student, Joyce Kellett, who attended Preston South Primary School from 1928 to 1937. Students were thrilled to meet Joyce and hear about school life during that time. She pointed out the fireplace and how a monitor was in charge of bringing in the wood and lighting the fire every morning. She spoke about using a slate pencil and slate to write when she first started school. Students were excited to show her how they use an iPad now! She showed teachers and students her very well maintained workbook from the time with her very neat handwriting. Joyce was able to remember almost all the students’ names from a class photo from 1932 (including surnames!) The day was made even more special with a visit from Peter McHugh who came along with Joyce. His father John and uncle Maurice McHugh attended our school. John was Dux of Grade 3 in 1932.

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank our special guests and we look forward to seeing them again at our 150th celebration. If you or anybody you know attended our school and might have access to memorabilia we would love to hear from them.

AND ANOTHER GUEST………..

We also had a visit from our Arts Teacher Mrs Lisa Niceski and her gorgeous little boy, Oscar Francis Niceski. Lisa is enjoying being a first time mum and has just managed to find the time to visit staff and students. She will be supporting the school with the end of year concert later this year.
Thank you to Miriam (parent) for her amazing sports club every Monday with the Preps!

SOUTH PRESTON STATE SCHOOL
1933 GRADE V A

Back Row – Girls (starting left side)
Joan West, Sonia Perlstein, Edith Young, ____, Gladys Jenson, Thelma Voss, ____, Pat Mutimer, ____, Norma Pridham, Edna Harbourn, Vivara Kolvas, Norma James

2nd Row – Boys
____, Ken Donnett, Athol Cobb, ? Moncrief, ? (from May’s Dairy), ____, Colin Webster, ____, ____, ____, Ronnie Black, ____.
Harold Smithwick, Frank Dominic

3rd Row – Girls
Phylis Kelly, Gladys Tyers, Norma Rowe (I think), Olive ____, Jean Aked, Joan Bott, Eva Smith, Joyce Kellett, ____, Dorothy Laidlaw, Bernice Baguley, ____, Alma Torney, Elva Letchford, Reuben ____.  

Front Row – Boys
Ron Lomas, Alan Shou, Maurice McHugh, Len ? (I think), Fred Albinson, Alan Hughes, Tom Hadlow, Syd Stuart, ? Bell (I think), Ken Brown, Ernie Goodwin (I think), Norman Tyers

WORKING BEE
Thank you to all the parents who came along to our working bee this week. The front garden beds look amazing! Thank you to the boys and girls who helped spread the mulch around the infant garden beds during lunchtime. On Saturday the elm trees will be trimmed. We are very proud of our heritage listed elm trees and the school is committed to keeping them healthy for many more years... Guess how old they are?

TEENSY LESSONS
Students have enjoyed tennis lessons this semester.

Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun! Tuesday at the following times:

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If you would like to purchase a House Captain, Vice-Captain or JSC group photo please let Dianne know. They are all on display on our news board.

Parent teacher interviews
Wednesday 22nd of June  2.30Pm to 7.00pm

Our parent teacher interviews will be held during the last week of this term. A booking sheet will be going home next week. The interviews will inform parents on how their child(ren) are progressing through the semester. In order to meet all parents, each interview will be approximately 15mins long. If you would like to discuss your child’s progress further you will need to arrange a date and time for a follow up meeting with the teacher. Although we will endeavour to match parents with their preferred time this may not be possible. We are asking parents to nominate three alternative times which will suit.

Note: This is a School Day- All students are required to attend school that day.