Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

At Preston South Primary School we want our students to be safe. We take our duty of care responsibilities very seriously. I have communicated our duty of care during school times and thought that you should also know that when we take students out of school on excursions, we strictly follow DET requirements. DET has a policy for parent consent for excursions and for student medical information. Without this information, your child will remain at school if the teacher does not have the information on the day of the excursion so please return all forms promptly. For each excursion, parents and/or carers must authorise the following:

- Any financial costs associated with the excursion
- Activities to be undertaken on the excursion
- Consent to emergency medical treatment

CYBER BULLYING MUSICAL

Students in the upper school enjoyed a cyber-bullying musical titled 'Connected'. This event was sponsored by Bully Zero Foundation and the Essendon Football Club. Connected is an energetic, contemporary musical that highlights the issues and effects of cyber bullying for students. This was followed by a chat with representatives from the Club and a session with the Bully Zero Foundation.

FUTSAL CLINIC

Students this week had a visit from Diarna and Llewy from Futsal Oz, Thomastown. Students were taught – futsal rules, ball control, precise passing and positive team work. We have some very talented students!

WORD STUDY

As we strive to ensure that all Preston South Primary School students are capable, curious and confident learners, we continually seek the most current research-supported approaches to instruction. On Monday 16th of May (Curriculum Day) staff explored the latest research on the teaching of Word Study. Word study is a problem-solving approach where the student uses many strategies to make sense of unknown words. It is based on a progression of development and includes instruction in the relationship of letters and sounds, patterns found in words, and the origin of words. Word study instruction occurs in the context of reading and writing. By the end of the Curriculum Day we developed a scope and sequence that enables teachers to assess, clearly identify and document each student’s spelling stage and tailor activities to improve your student’s spelling knowledge.
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for students in Prep to Grade 6. Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 need to read or have read to them 30 books (20 of which are in the challenge book list). Students in Grades 3 to 6 need to read 15 books, (10 must be from the challenge book list). The challenge finishes on the 9th of September. All students need to have finished reading their books by the 2nd of September, so that the data can be entered.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge booklist is available for download and printing from the PRC website. The website is http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx.

PLEASE NOTE: There has been a change to the registration process for 2016.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Online Honour Roll Consent: This form needs to be completed ONLY if you would like your child’s name to appear on the Online Honour Roll when the PRC has been completed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that complete school uniform at Preston South Primary School is expected at all times! If you are experiencing difficulty in purchasing school uniform, please see Dianne at the office. Our Lost Property box is full to the brim with unnamed hats, jumpers, lunchboxes and drink bottles. If you feel your child has lost an item please come on in and take a look. Don’t forget to label all items of clothing! If you have any uniform your child has outgrown, please feel free to donate back to school. There will be a second hand clothing sale Monday, May 23 after assembly.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please note that on the afternoon and evening of June 24th there will be an opportunity to attend a Parent Teacher interview. We would like you to bring your child to the interview so they can be part of the discussion about their learning, achievements and progress. You will be informed of the appointment process in due course. This is a school day and all children are required to attend school.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

All parents, grandparents and friends of PSPS are invited to morning tea in the Staffroom at 9am on Thursday, 26th May.

An interesting item of discussion will be the “150th Celebration”.

150TH CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to those families who have emailed or sent along to school, past photos and other memorabilia for our special anniversary event scheduled for Saturday 29th of October. If you or anybody you know has an item of interest we could use in our Museum we would love to hear from you!

OPEN DAY AND TOUR FOR PREP ENROLMENTS

Our Prep Tour and information dates have been finalised. If you have a child who will turn 5 years of age by 30 April 2017 we encourage you to attend one of these sessions. Also if you have a friend or neighbour who is interested in enrolling their child at our school please pass on these dates and times: Wednesday 8th June and Wednesday 31st August.

Our school is fast becoming the school of choice. We are experiencing a great increase of enrolments for 2017. If you or anyone you know will be enrolling their child in 2017 please ask them to return their enrolment applications ASAP.

GARDEN WORKING BEE WILL BE ON JUNE 1 FROM 1.30PM-3.30PM