PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear parents, students and friends,

It was delightful to return to work rejuvenated after my overseas holiday with family. I caught up with family in Cyprus and travelled to Israel and Croatia. Students enjoyed hearing about my adventures and wanted to see this photo of Krka National park in Croatia where I swam. Spot me!

I would like to thank Mrs. Ristovski for her leadership in my absence.

Next week we will be celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day. The theme for Children’s Day 2016 is My Country, Our Country, We All Belong. This year Children’s Day is all about helping our children feel connected and proud in culture. It’s all about ensuring all our children feel like they belong. Our event aims to provide a space for everyone to come together to celebrate the achievements of our school community.

Together with SNAIC (Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care) the event will be presented by local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community members. Preston South Primary School is committed to a culturally relevant and inclusive education. Children’s Day brings together communities to celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander kids and culture.

On Thursday August 4th we will be having a special assembly and welcome all community members.

Thursday 4th August - School Assembly

9:05am Traditional Owner - Welcome To Country
Di Kerr, Alex Kerr
Marbeangrook Consulting

9:10am Traditional Owner - Smoking Ceremony
Di Kerr, Alex Kerr
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9:20am Aboriginal Dancer
Robert McGuinness
Kharisma Nascent

9:40am SNAICC Speaker
Sue-Anne Hunter
SNAICC

9:45am PSPS Principal
Leon Leonidas
Preston South Primary School

Throughout the day students will attend planned activities and workshops.

Woiwurrung Language workshop  Art  and Painting workshop Introduction to Aboriginal dance workshop
Don’t forget Pasta Day on Wednesday. All orders are to be sent to the office by Monday.

**CURRICULUM DAY**

Tuesday 9th August is a curriculum Day. This is a student free day. Parents are reminded please make alternative arrangements for your child to be looked after on his day. LEAP KIDS are offering child care. Staff will be participating in professional development conducted by CHILD WISE on Personal Safety Education. The Child Wise Personal Safety Program aims to build resilience in children by educating them on their rights and responsibilities, and developing strategies which empower them to identify and speak up about concerns.

This will be followed by a parent information session to be held on Wednesday 17th August 4:00pm-6:00pm at Preston South Primary School. We urge all parents to attend.

**SCHOOL OLYMPICS**

On Wednesday 10th of August students will be participating in our very own Olympics! The house teams will compete against one another in a variety of fun games such as the egg and spoon race and quoits. There will also be a walkathon at the end of the day. Students are encouraged to dress up in any colours of a flag of their choosing.

**CHINESE VISITORS**

On Thursday 11th of August Preston South Primary School is hosting delegates from China. We will be showcasing our amazing school to teachers and principals from China. This is an amazing opportunity for us to build our knowledge and our relationship with a school in China. Please join us by making them feel welcome by attending a special assembly at 9 am.

**LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Mrs. Smyrneos will be on leave from 15th August until the beginning of Term 4. Mr. McIvor will be teaching the class.

**Curriculum Day at Preston South Primary School!**

**Date:** Tuesday 9th August 2016  
**Hours:** 7am-6pm  
**Cost:** $45.00 per child

Leapkids will be offering care on Curriculum Day. We have a variety of fun activities planned including art & craft, cooking, sports and much more!

All children from the school are welcome to attend, however, if your child is not currently enrolled with our service, you must complete an Enrolment Form prior to attending. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Dianne in the office.

**What to bring:**
- Morning snack
- Lunch
- Drink bottle

*Afternoon snack will be provided.

To book your child in for Curriculum Day, please contact Nadia on 1300 366 235.

**Booking Deadline:** Thursday 4th August 2016

**PLEASE NOTE:**
We require a minimum of 10 bookings - otherwise the day will be cancelled. Families who have already booked will be notified.