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**10th February
 2017
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Dates to Remember



FEBRUARY

- Monday 13th**
 - School Council
- Tuesday 14th**
 - PFA meeting
all welcome
- Tuesday 21st**
 - Parent
Volunteers
Information
session
- Wednesday 22nd**
 - Hockey Clinic
- Friday 24th**
 - Interschool
Sports Start

MARCH

- Wednesday 1st**
 - Meet the
teacher
(parent
teacher
interview)
- Wednesday 8th**
 - Picnic Supper
(Family Fun
Night 5.00-
7.30 pm)
- Monday 13th**
 - Labour Day
(Public
Holiday)
- Tuesday 14th**
 - School Council
AGM
- Friday 17th**
 - 5/6 K
Cake Stall
- Wednesday 22nd**
 - Futsal Clinic
- Tuesday 28th**
 - Prep Tour
- Thursday 30th**
 - School Photos
- Friday 31st**
 - Term One Ends

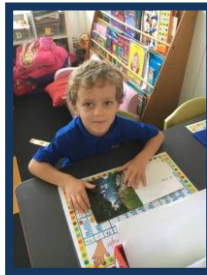
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and everyone is relaxed, re-energised and excited about the new school year.

I would like to introduce and welcome our new staff for 2017: Julie Tran (Prep teacher), Jake Gatto, (Prep teacher), Natasha Tasevska (year 3 /4 teacher) , Hilary Clarke (year 1 /2 teacher) and Kim Smith (teacher aide) . We are very excited to have them as part of our teaching team and wish them well for the year ahead.

Welcome to our new families who joined our school community. We look forward to working together to make Preston South Primary School an even better school. It has been a pleasure to visit classes over the first two weeks of school and see that the students have settled in well and class routines have been established. I have been overwhelmed and overjoyed with the way our new Preps have settled into the school routine. Our Prep parent breakfast was a huge success with parents staying back to enjoy the special day and to ease their anxieties.



Prep students during independent reading session.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Over the summer holidays we received our new relocatable classroom. Our year 5/6 students were very excited to help set up the learning space. We also installed two new sunshades in the playground space.



Teachers are seeking parent helpers to assemble Ikea furniture for classrooms. If you are able to assist please let your child's teacher know.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

All our students participate in Visual Arts and Performing Arts at PSPS. We also provide an instrumental music program that is outsourced to 'Creative Music'. They provide affordable high quality instruction in guitar, piano and singing lessons. If you would like your child to participate please obtain an application form from the office.

ICY POLES AT SCHOOL

One of the past Junior School Council initiatives last year was to sell icypoles at lunchtime to raise funds for playground equipment. Last year many students finished their lunch with a delicious cold icypole. Starting Monday we will be selling icypoles for \$1.00 every day. If you wish for your child to have an icypole please send them to school with a \$1.00 coin. This is only arranged for Term one and Term four this year.



SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our School Canteen will commence again this year beginning Friday 10th February. If you wish your child to have a lunch order on this day and/or every Friday please ensure that orders are brought to school the day before (by recess).

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Whole school assemblies will be held at 3:15pm each Monday afternoon in the School Hall. As this is our biggest school enrolment in over 20 years we will be trialling assembly in the hall with parents and staff standing. We apologise for this but we do not have the space to have parents sitting.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

A reminder to parents that school starts at **8.50 am**.

Students will have recess at 11.00am to 11.30am and lunch will be from 1.45pm to 2.30 pm. Students are supervised in class whilst eating their play lunch at 10.50am and their lunch at 1.30 pm.

NEWSLETTER

In an attempt to keep hard copy newsletters to a minimum, save money, time and trees please ensure you provide an email address to the office to receive your newsletter electronically. If you have supplied your email address and still have not received an electronic copy of the newsletter, please let us know so we can ensure we have you listed correctly on our distribution list. We love keeping everybody informed and try to do this as cost effectively as possible. We also place a copy of our newsletter on our school website.

LEAP KIDS (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

Our 'Out of Hours School Care' provider - LEAPKIDS (*Learn, Engage, Active, Play*) have made a great start to the year and have been well received by both students and parents. Their holiday program was a huge success and they received positive feedback from many families. If you wish to have your child attend the LEAPKIDS program please complete an enrolment form at the school office. This program runs from 7.30am to 9.00am and from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. For more information please contact Nadia on 1300 366 235.

SCHOOL CROSSING

A reminder to all students and parents to please use the school crossing. P.S.P.S prides itself of a high standard of care in relation to students.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to another year of Parents and Friends at Preston South Primary School. Our first PFA meeting will be on Tuesday 14th of February at 8.50 am in the staffroom. Please come along and support our wonderful school in fundraising. Being a part of PFA is very rewarding in so many ways, knowing all fundraising that we do is going into the school which is helping our children. The PFA is a non-profit, volunteer association established to benefit the school community of Preston South Primary School – pre-school children are welcome!





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Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

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New High school for Preston

We want to hear from you.

What kind of high school do you want for Preston?

Last year the Victorian Government committed to open a new co-educational secondary school for Years 7 to 12 students on the site of the former Preston Girls' Secondary College, Cooma Street, Preston.

We have established an online portal so you can have your say on what kind of school you want www.engage.vic.gov.au/PrestonHigh.

Your feedback will be provided to the design team to be considered as part of the new school designs. The online engagement portal will be open from Monday 6 February until Tuesday 28 February.

In addition, a Community Workshop is being held to hear from educational experts, architects and project managers about the Preston High School. There will be presentations and opportunities to ask questions.

Thursday, 16 February 2017

6:30 pm – 8 pm

City of Darebin City Hall

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If you have any queries about the Preston High project, please contact:

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