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Dates to Remember



MAY

Monday 15th

- Curriculum Day – no children at school

Wednesday 17th

- Grade 4, 5, 6 Excursion to Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Monday 22nd

- Futsal clinics

Tuesday 23rd

- Cross country

Wednesday 24th

- Indigenous infusion incursion

Friday 26th

- Book Character dress up day

JUNE

Friday 2nd

- 3/4 cake Stall

Monday 5th

- School council

Wednesday 6th

- Prep Tour

Thursday 7th

- Rhythms of Africa

Monday 12th

- Queen's Birthday – no school

Thursday 15th

- Science fair

Wednesday 14th

- St John Ambulance First Aid training for all students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,



Thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Mother's Day stall this week. This was not a fundraising event and it allowed each student the opportunity to purchase something special for mum or a special person in his or her life.

The Prep morning tea for Mother's Day was a huge success. It was a delight to see the children perform a play for the mums and then work together on a fun activity.

CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 15th of May will be a **student free day** -

'Curriculum Day' when staff will be unpacking the new Victorian Curriculum Foundation (F–10) which sets out what every student should learn during their first eleven years of schooling. The curriculum is the common set of knowledge and skills required by students for life-long learning, social development and active and informed citizenship. We will also be researching and unpacking the new Spelling Program, 'Sound Waves'.



VIVA LA FRANCE

Yesterday all students viewed our second intercultural performance for the term. **Vive La France** is a humorous, irreverent look at some of the events and people that have come to typify France's great culture. This performance supports our curriculum by giving student an opportunity to develop and experience:

- intercultural knowledge and language awareness.
- an understanding of some of the differences in how people eat and dress, sign and gesture and say things.
- to identify a cultural icon, geographic feature, famous building or cultural practice.
- to inspire interest in and respect for other cultures.



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 2018, 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:

Tuesday 6th June, Tuesday 1st August and Tuesday 29th August.

Our school is fast becoming the school of choice. We are experiencing a great increase of enrolments for 2018. If you or anyone you know will be enrolling their child in 2018 please ask them to return their enrolment applications ASAP.

DANCE CLUB

What an amazing turn out at the lunchtime dance club! Congratulations to students and teachers who have taken on the challenge to start a lunchtime club.



PAL PROGRAM

Preston South Primary School is working with La Trobe University Communication Clinic to deliver the Phonological Awareness for Literacy (PAL) program to students. The program was developed to be run by speech pathology students under the supervision of qualified speech pathologists and is strongly evidenced based.

The **objectives** of PAL are:

- To improve students' phonological awareness skills including identifying sounds in words, segmenting words into individual sounds and blending sounds into words.
- To improve the accuracy and efficiency of students' letter-sound knowledge.
- To make explicit to students the relationship between phonological awareness skills, letter-sound knowledge, word reading and word spelling.



COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY

Preston South Primary School not only prides itself on academic success, but also on creating a school ethos with relationships and community at its heart. Today the year 3 and 4 students met with Bill, the owner of CJ café. The students decided to donate their fresh grown produce to our canteen supplier. This act is part of the social action inquiry unit the students are studying at the moment. The students are working with Bill to create a new exciting item on the canteen list and a soup day at school.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Preston South Primary School is participating in The Premiers' Reading Challenge. This challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. It is a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. This is the thirteenth year of this Challenge and since 2005 it has helped inspire nearly two million students to read an incredible 34 million books. In addition the Challenge has encouraged families and parents to support children's literacy development. For those parents who are new to the Challenge, you will find that it is a great way to motivate your children to read more books and discover new and exciting titles.



BIRTHDAY TREATS REMINDER

We are very appreciative to have so many students share their birthdays with their classmates. Often there are yummy treats brought in, which we know so many students look forward to. This is just a friendly reminder from the First Aid Team to be mindful of students with allergies, as we have an increasing number of students with allergies.

While we don't want students to stop celebrating their birthdays, it would be a great help if families sending in treats could possibly attach a list of ingredients (or send the packaging information) along with their birthday items (as we do with the Friday Food Stall items). Alternatively, please consider a non-edible item to share eg. a small eraser, balloon or pencil.

While students on Anaphylaxis plans are all very diligent with knowing which treats they can and can't eat, it would still help the families of these students to know what they are taking home with them. We realise this will require a little more organisation and time, but the extra effort is much better than the alternative, if a student were to accidentally consume an item that they could react to.

Thank you again to students who choose to share their birthdays with their classmates. Please know that this is just a reminder to look out for each other as a school community.

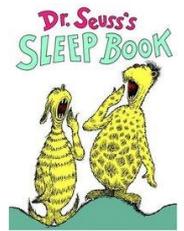


DINNER DANCE

'Parents and friends' are organising an exciting major fundraising event this year. A dinner dance to celebrate our amazing inclusive and diverse community. We are hoping to have the event at 'White Rose Receptions' (725 High Street



Thornbury). The cost will be \$65.00 (which includes a 3-course meal and b.w.s and a D.J.). At this point, we are seeking an expression of interest to see how viable this endeavour will be. Reminder to families to return their expression of interests slips.



Dear Parents,

National Literacy and Numeracy Week provides a unique opportunity for schools to recognise and celebrate the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. Excitement is building around Literacy Week.

Students at Preston South Primary School are anticipating the upcoming literacy activities scheduled for May 22nd – 26th, 2017!

Below are a few exciting events taking place at our school. We hope that you will take this opportunity to support reading in your homes and participate in school-wide and classroom activities.

Staff Favourites

Students will have the opportunity to take part in "Guess the Teachers" favourite book competition. During library lessons, students will be able to view photos of teachers reading a book and connect the teacher to their favourite book. (The book will be covered.) Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

Book Swap

The whole school will be participating in a Book Swap! Students are encouraged to bring a preloved book from home to swap with students in their class. The preloved books can be brought to school and placed in a class tub. Students will have an opportunity to swap and borrow as they please! How exciting to share our pre-loved books! We will spread the love of reading to all our children.

Reading Buddies

Students will have the opportunity to read to students from other grades and share the enjoyment of reading out aloud or listening to a reading buddy. This is a good opportunity for children to analyse text and making connections.

Become a Book Character

Literacy week culminates on Friday 26th May in a dress-up day where students can come dressed up as their favourite book character. A Book Parade will take place on the synthetic grass at 9.00 am. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the school Book Parade. Following the Book Parade, students will have the opportunity to partake in Literacy activities in their allocated Literacy group. They will be enjoying a variety of iconic stories and produce a group poster.

It is important to make reading a rewarding and exciting experience. Literacy week is an important part of highlighting books and reading.

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