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Dates to Remember



MARCH

Monday 27th

- National young Leaders Day. Students involved to be at school by 8am in full school uniform.

Thursday 30th

- School Photos

Friday 31st

- Easter Egg Raffle for each class will be drawn at final assembly.
- Term One Ends. School finishes at 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended our picnic supper evening. It was a delight to see families relax, mingle, socialise and enjoy the atmosphere. Thank you to Mrs. Kyriazopoulos for organising the evening. A big thank you to Mr. De Martino for making it a perfect evening by playing his guitar.



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Students at Preston

South participated in cultural diversity week. Students this week

were given the challenge to investigate cultural diversity within their school and community, while utilising a wide range of materials, techniques and ideas. Today students were asked to bring to school their own special cultural object and a statement as to why this object is special to them. It was a delight to see the students share these objects and hear the stories behind each of the objects. Cultural Diversity Week at Preston South promotes community harmony and celebrate the many cultures that make our school so vibrant.



FIRST AID AND HEAD INJURIES

I am pleased to inform our community that this month all staff at Preston South Primary school attended first aid training. It is a great achievement to have all staff at a school up to date with this training. After reviewing our 'hazard/incident reporting procedure's we have made some changes to parent notifications in regard to students who sustain a bump to the head. At present parents are notified by a phone call advising them that their child has sustained a bump to the head. Sometimes a knock to the head can cause very severe injury, but in most cases it is just some bruising and pain for a short while. At times the injury is not visible and hence we will now be advising parents regardless of whether there is visible bruising or not to report to their local doctor or emergency department.



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Congratulations to Junior School Council for supporting the Good Friday appeal. All children deserve nothing less than the lifesaving care and ground breaking research taking place at the Royal Children's Hospital. Our support helps the hospital deliver the best possible care to patients and their families. Students who came to school out of uniform gave a gold coin donation. We raised \$220!



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday February 28, six 5/6 students from Preston South represented our school at the district swimming carnival at Northcote Aquatic Centre.

Jack – 50m Freestyle & Breaststroke
 Leo - 50m Freestyle
 Keeley - 50m Freestyle
 Aditya - 50m Breaststroke
 Natasha – Breaststroke



The students all competed to the best of their abilities and did very well in their heats. Natasha came second in her event and moved onto the Division finals, which took place on 07/03/2017. Natasha was successful once again and she then went to Regionals which will take place on 15/03/2017. There, Natasha did extremely well and came fourth. Congratulations all the students involved.



PLAYPOD ACTION @ P.S.P.S

The Playpod is a wonderful complement to our whole school philosophy about relationships, to one another, the environment and the curriculum. Our understanding of children learning through exploration needs to be lived in all aspects of school life and the pod allows that seamless flow from learning spaces to the school yard. The children are able to let their imaginations run wild, using recycled materials that are quality controlled for safety purposes. Children have the opportunity to build all manner of things: rocket ships, stages, cars, beds, swings, slides; you name it they build it! This then leads to all sorts of imaginative games and role play. The play pod is open most lunchtimes, (weather permitting) and is run by the House Leaders.

AFL CLINICS

We were fortunate to run extensive AFL clinics at Preston South over the last two weeks. Accredited AFL coaches took students from Prep to Year 6 through various skill based lessons. These included handballing, kicking, marking, bouncing and umpiring. The students were thoroughly engaged during the clinics. Students developed skills with each lesson, giving them the confidence to better understand the game. The clinics have helped prepare students for future AFL activities. Simon Lukic - PE Teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On March 14th Preston South Primary School Council held the AGM. The annual school report is our evaluation of the school, its teachers, students and school community during the past year. It provides statistical information about us, such as how our students have performed against national minimal standards for reading, writing and numeracy in the NAPLAN tests, and details of the learning outcomes of students drawing from our school's internal assessment information. The report also summarises our school's initiatives and targets, and other educational practices, achievements and aspirations. It is with great pleasure that we announce we scored higher in all areas as compared to like schools! Attendance is of similar standard to like schools and school council recognise that many of our families have extended holidays. The school has implemented data-driven attendance improvement strategies by monitoring and analysing school attendance records regularly and using tools for early identification of students at risk of poor attendance. We regularly communicate to parents the expectation of regular attendance. If you would like a copy of the report please contact the office.

Congratulations to our 2017 school Council Members -

Nanne Mitchelson, Elizabeth Naumoska, Fay Coccoli, Trevor Hunt, Dianne Wells, Ange Zigomanis, Maria Stevens, Miryana Ristovski and Leon Leonidas

Elizabeth Naumoska is our School President and Nanne Mitchelson is the Vice President.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who donated Easter eggs and other items to their class Easter hamper. Some classes now have more than two prizes to raffle. The tickets for each class will be drawn at assembly on the last day of term. **Assembly starts at 2.10pm.**

Vietnam Study Tour

Last year our school hosted Principals and teachers from 'Doanthidiem-Hanoi Primary School' in Hanoi. They were most impressed with our teaching methods and approach to curriculum design. They then extended an invitation for me to attend their school and build on this partnership. I will be attending with other local Principals from the Darebin schools network. My presentation is on 'differentiating reading strategies for students in the classroom'.

I will be in Vietnam during the last week of this term. Miryana Ristovski will be the Acting Principal. Mr. McIver will be taking her class. DET is promoting 'Internationalising Education' - "Australia is one of the most multicultural societies in the world and globalisation places greater emphasis on the need for intercultural awareness and skills to sustain the cultural diversity of our richly complex society. Whole-school approach to internationalisation includes • Curriculum, assessment and instruction • Sister Schools and overseas learning experiences • Community partnerships • Integrating international students. This trip will form part of my Professional development in this area.



2018 FOUNDATION/PREP ENROLMENTS

We recently had our first school tour. We are at present overwhelmed with the interest we are receiving. More school tours are scheduled for next term. **Children within our zone of enrolment have automatic entry into Preston South Primary School, as do siblings.** We will accept students in year levels outside the zone if we have spaces available. This depends on numbers at that point in time.

Some vacancies may exist for students who live outside the zone, depending on demand from families who live within the designated area. Parents and caregivers are asked to contact the school to arrange a tour and collect enrolment forms and information packages.

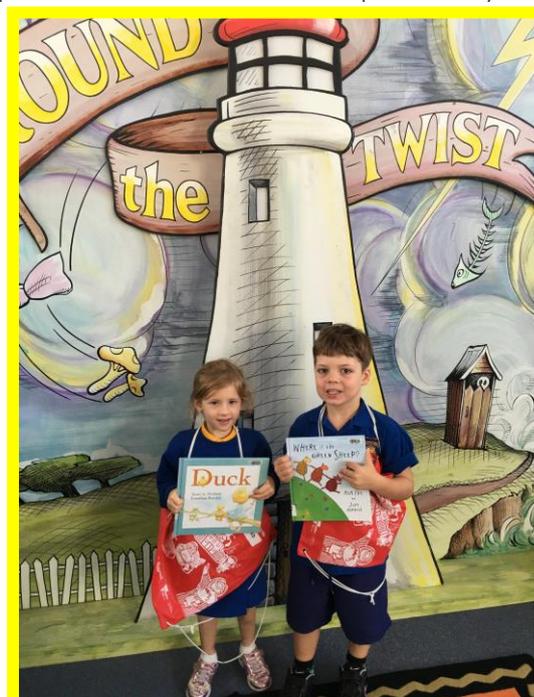
Early enrolment of your child gives the school a better picture of its numbers for the following year. We are asking that all Foundation/Prep enrolments for next year be finalised by June 13th.

SAY CHEESE

School photos will take place on Thursday, March 30. Students are required to wear best dress on photo day (school uniform). Individual, class and Co-curricular group photos will be taken.

PREPS AND OUR 2017 PREP LIBRARY BAGS

2017 is our biggest prep enrolment year since 1980 and our enrolment numbers are the highest since 2002. Considering a third of our students are in prep I am thrilled with the smooth transition to date. Thank you to parents and guardians for your support. It is important for you as parents or guardians to be a part of your child's education by finding out what they are learning about, reading with them, and engaging with the school community. Thank you for the great work you do to support all our students and staff.



Each year, every prep student at a Victorian government school receives a library bag with useful tips to help them start their time at primary school, as well as useful information and advice for parents.

This year's library bag contains useful information about starting school including a range of initiatives and programs to support parents; storybooks and activities for preps as well as a welcome message from the Deputy Premier.

Building cultural harmony and well being.....

Next term all our students will participate in free incursions from 'Cultural Infusion'. We were successful in obtaining funding for building literacy through the use of storytelling and Phonological Awareness for Literacy (PAL) at La Trobe University.

Cultural Infusion brings presenters from diverse cultural backgrounds to our school, to entertain and delight students. The shows are designed to pack an engaging cultural experience into a standard whole presentation.

These shows will give our students the opportunity to interact with cultures from around the world and build appreciation of other people's beliefs and lifestyles.

Sumardi – Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppets 26/4/2017

A theatrical shadow play presentation based from the Hindu folklore and epic story of the 'Legend of Ramayana and Mahabarata'. Students are given an opportunity to watch the shadow puppetry from both sides of the screen to experience the magic, as well as learn the skills and techniques behind these ancient art forms.



Vive La France 10/5/2017

Vive La France is a humorous, irreverent look at some of the events and people that have come to typify France's great culture. Journey through the French Revolution, inside the Moulin Rouge, meeting at historical icons like Marie-Antoinette, Joan of Arc, Louis XVI and even delve into the heart of Napoleon's short-man syndrome and be immersed in France's history.

Indigenous Infusion with Western Creation 24/5/2017

The Indigenous Infusion program is the perfect introduction into the history and diverse cultures of Indigenous Australia. Students will develop a new understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants.



Rhythm of Africa 7/6/2017

From the deep traditions of Africa comes a joyous and exciting program that immerses students in rhythm. Music is an element of African social and religious rites. This incursion enables participants of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to experience the instruments and chanting of Africa for themselves

