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Dates to Remember



## AUGUST

### Tuesday 1st

- Prep Tour
- Year 3 /4 Melbourne Old Treasury Museum Excursion

### Wednesday 2nd

- Prep Excursion to Australian Centre for Contemporary Art

### Friday 4th

- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

### Monday 7th

- Whole school Tennis Lessons begin
- School Council

### Tuesday 8th

- Curriculum Day (student free day)

### Friday 18th

- Prep Melbourne Museum Excursion

## SEPTEMBER

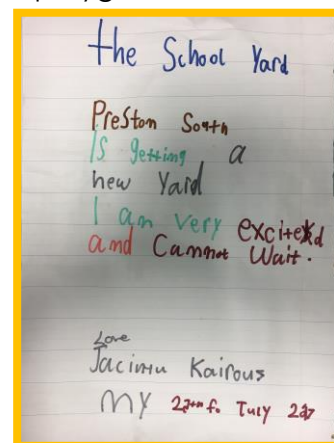
### Monday 11th - 13th

- Year 3 - 6 School Camp

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The first two weeks of term three have certainly proven to be eventful and momentous. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff who have been very tolerant and understanding during the re-surfacing of the playground. I understand how difficult and challenging it is to find parking and enter the school through only one entrance. I have noticed some families have chosen to walk or ride to school during the works. This has helped considerably with the congestion. I am delighted to also see families mingle and greet each other before and after school at the front of the school, whilst these works have been going on. The benefit of entering through one gate is you get to meet other families that you might not sometimes see. I know one Prep student is very happy and excited. Thank you Jacinta for this letter.



## RESURFACING THE PLAYGROUND

The asphalt works are half way there! There is temporary fencing around the playground. These works will take between two to three weeks (weather permitted). Students are utilising the TA Cochrane Reserve (park) during recess and lunchtime. The students are enjoying this new play space. Some are even choosing to jog around the park! This is supervised by staff. Thank you for your support and patience during this time.



As explained in my previous correspondence to the community students have come up with some exciting ideas of what they would like to see in the new playground. We are also seeking parent feedback on suggestions. Shade structures and plants will definitely be on the list. Please email the school with any ideas you may have.



## CURRICULUM DAY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August is a curriculum Day. This is a **student free day**. Parents are reminded to please make alternative arrangements for their child to be looked after on this day. LEAP KIDS are offering child care. Staff will be participating in professional development where they will be visiting other schools.

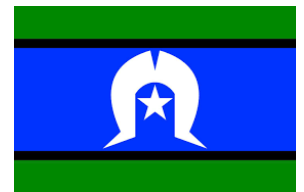
## SCIENCE CLUB

We would like to thank Mr. Tousimis (parent) a secondary school teacher for his exciting lunchtime science club this term every Wednesday. The students loved making parachutes and rockets this week.



## NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

The 4<sup>th</sup> of August is **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day**. At Preston South Primary School we are celebrating this special day. Students are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal flag or Torres Strait Islander flag. This year Children's Day is all about helping our kids feel connected and proud in culture. It's all about ensuring all our kids feel like they belong. Our event aims to provide a space for everyone to come together to celebrate the achievements of our school community. Teachers have planned some excited activities and lessons for the day. Unfortunately, as the works are going on in the playground we have had to cancel our special community assembly but the students will be having a whole school assembly at some stage throughout the day.



## CHARLES LA TROBE COLLEGE.

On Wednesday, the grade 5/6 students attended Charles La Trobe College. They visited the Quantum Victoria building. They participated in a coding session where they used technology to program their LEGO Robot. Throughout this activity, they were set three challenges to move their LEGO Robot from point A to point B. By the end of the session, students replicated the movement of a robot vacuum. Students learned and explored the process of trial and error, as well as applying their mathematical knowledge to work out the challenges. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity, as well as the tour of the school.



## EARN & LEARN

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

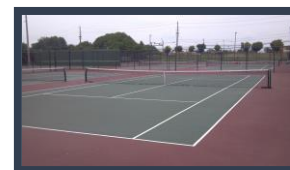


From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when the sheet is complete it can be dropped into our Collection Box here at the school or at the following Woolworth stores -

- Preston South- 50 Plenty Rd Preston.
- Preston- 334 Murray Rd Preston.

- East Preston- Northland Shopping Centre.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



### TENNIS LESSONS

Our school was successful in receiving a grant for tennis lessons for all students for 5 weeks with professional coach, Adrian Barry. These lessons are free for all students and they are held in the tennis club next door to our school.

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. The survey results will be communicated to parents through our annual school report. Last year we used the survey results to plan school initiatives such as our new reporting system, grade newsletters, and extra curricula programs like tennis, yoga, dance and other clubs.

### Curriculum Day at Preston South Primary School!

**Date:** Tuesday 8 August 2017

**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: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We require a minimum of 15 bookings - otherwise the day will be cancelled. Families who have already booked will be notified.